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VITAL ISSUE STILL TURNS ON THE NECESSITY OF REPELLING INVASION AND KEEPING OPEN COMMUNICATIONS

Times On Situation In Greece: Free Nations Given Hard Truth By Churchill

Every Front Dependent On Home Front

LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter)—COMMENTING THAT THE DEFEAT OF GREECE WAS CHIEFLY DUE TO THE VAST SUPERIORITY OF THE GERMAN AIR FORCE AND OF MECHANISED TROOPS WHICH BROKE THROUGH THE FRONT TO SALONIKA AND WERE ABLE AFTERWARDS TO CUT IN UPON THE COMMUNICATIONS OF THE EXHAUSTING ARMY RETIRING FROM ALBANIA, THE TIMES, in a leader on the situation in Greece, says that it has been an honour for the British and Australian troops to be associated with the Greek resistance.

The fall of Athens could not cause surprise when once it became known that the German armies had broken through the Olympus line.

THE VITAL ISSUE STILL TURNED ON THE NECESSITY OF REPELLING INVASION AND KEEPING OPEN COMMUNICATIONS ACROSS THE NORTH ATLANTIC BY THE CAPE ROUTES AND, IN A LESSER EXTENT, THROUGH THE MEDITERRANEAN ITSELF.

Evacuation From Greece

LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter)—The evacuation of certain of our forces from Greece has begun.

This was announced in Sydney today by Mr. P. C. Spender, Vice-President of the Australian Federal Executive Council.

This evacuation, he said, as far as it had proceeded, had been successful.



Mr. P. C. Spender, speaking at the Adelaide Chamber of Commerce and Manufacturers' luncheon recently, said: "We cannot hope to win the war this year. All we can hope to do is to avoid defeat this year. If we do that we will be more than half way to victory."

CONTEMPTUOUS ATTENTION

SYDNEY, Apr. 28 (Reuter)—The Radio, in commenting on Mr. Winston Churchill's broadcast, says that the Prime Minister "gave the German propaganda, which is trying to create a rift between Britain and Australia, the contemptuous attention it deserves."

No responsible leader can afford to forget this truth for one moment and Mr. Churchill, in last night's broadcast, was no less insistent upon it than the South African Premier, General Smuts in his speech on Saturday.

At the same time, with the goodwill and vast resources of the United States behind us, both statesmen can look forward with steadfast confidence.

All news from America confirms General Smuts' prediction that the United States will from now on take an ever increasing part in the fight.

In the meantime we know, and take strength from the knowledge that all responsible American

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Keen Interest Aroused In Canada

PEOPLE LED BY GREAT MAN

OTTAWA, Apr. 28 (Reuter)—Mr. Winston Churchill's broadcast has aroused keen interest throughout Canada.

There was no statement from official quarters, but Mr. Mackenzie King, Canadian Premier, will speak on the war situation in the House of Commons on Monday.

Commenting on the broadcast, the TORONTO GLOBE MAIL pays tribute to Mr. Churchill's power to allay public fever and restore clarity of vision.

"Mr. Churchill's review of the broad outlines of the war, revealed a grave, but by no means desperate situation which could calmly and intelligently be faced by the fearlessness of the people whose armed strength is steadily increasing and who is being led by a great man," the paper adds.

The MONTREAL GAZETTE says, "The speech will inspire courage and maintain British confidence in a successful outcome of the war. Admitted the immediate prospects of the Middle East are not cheering, but there is no ground for pessimism. The situation calls for courage and action."

MAKE WEAKNESS INTO STRENGTH



MR. J. CURTIN
LONDON, April 28 (BWS)—Mr. J. Curtin, Leader of the Opposition in the Australian Parliament, agreed with Mr. Churchill that the desertion of the gallant ally Greece "would have been an act of treachery and would have deprived us of respect and sapped the very vitals of our strength."

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Appeals For Effective Aid To China

WASHINGTON, April 27 (Central)—MR. WILLIAM BULLITT, former American Ambassador to France, in a nationwide radio broadcast speech here tonight, told the American people that the battlefield in China is, in a literally strategic sense, "our Western Front." He urged the country to support China not only with all the resources and strength but to provide effective delivery of arms, munitions and airplanes and to keep open the life-line to China and England.

Nearly 3,000 people including Government officials, diplomats and social leaders jammed the Constitution Hall to hear Mr. Bullitt's appeal for aid to China on behalf of the United China Relief Fund.

TEMPLE STREET MURDER

GREEK AIR FORCE WILL FIGHT ON

CAIRO, Apr. 28 (Reuter)—A declaration that the Greek Air Force will continue to fight on with the R. A. F. and that the Greek merchant fleet, consisting of millions of tons of shipping, will be at Britain's disposal, was made today by the Greek Minister in Cairo.

He also spoke of the courage with which the people of the numerous small Greek islands were resisting German attempts to land.

DIVAN EMPLOYEE STABBED

An audacious murder was committed in the Yaumatei district last night when two unknown Chinese males entered an opium divan at No. 212, Temple Street, first floor, and killed a Yolk employed there.

The victim of the outrage was CHEUK LAM, aged 30 years, employed as a "boy" on the premises.

He died as the result of many wounds inflicted with a pair of scissors. Death is believed to have been instantaneous and the body was later removed to the Kowloon Public Mortuary.

NO WORD SPOKEN
It is understood that the two men walked into the divan and, without a word, proceeded to stab Cheuk several times and then ran away.

The Police were summoned by the inmates of the house. The motive for the crime is believed to be the sequel to a quarrel.

The Police are still making enquiries and up to midnight no arrest had been made.

Det-Sgt. N. B. Fraser is in charge of investigations.

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POLICE BOARD TOMISLAV

SHANGHAI, Apr. 28 (Reuter)—A party of Chinese Maritime Customs' river police, today boarded the Yugoslav steamer Tomislav. Some 18 Italian marines still remain aboard. It is understood that the River police will remain aboard and the incident settled satisfactorily.

FALL OF IMPORTANT ITALIAN STRONGHOLD IN ABYSSINIA IS ANNOUNCED: BRITISH IN DESSIE

East African Campaign Nearing End

NAIROBI, Apr. 28 (Reuter)—DESSIE HAS FALLEN. The capture of this important Italian stronghold in Abyssinia, one of the last centres of resistance in Italian East Africa, was officially announced this morning.

A communique states: "Dessie fell on Saturday. Our troops entered the town at 6 p.m."

Apart from the resistance offered by Italians at GONDAR the only other force of any significance now in East Africa is at GIMMA.

For some time it has been apparent that the Duke of Aosta was in a hopeless position but had apparently been ordered by Signor Mussolini to prolong the struggle in order to try to keep as many British troops as possible away from Egypt.

Belgian troops in the Gambela area in West Abyssinia repulsed an attack by an enemy force of two battalions on Apr. 25.

"After the fall of Addis Ababa when the main bulk of the Italian Army in Abyssinia took up defensive positions in Dessie it was generally expected that this stand would be the final act in the East African campaign."

MAJOR ALLEN MURRAY, B.B.C. military commentator, in a broadcast from London last night.

"TODAY THE GOOD NEWS THAT DESSIE FELL TO OUR FORCES ON SATURDAY WILL, THEREFORE, BE TAKEN AS A SIGN THAT THE END IS NEAR."

"The Italian troops which faced our forces were the remnants of Cont'd Page 7, Col. 1

BELL AIR COBRA PLANE TESTED

BUFFALO, NEW YORK, Apr. 28 (Reuter)—Wing Commander J. E. Adams on Sunday completed tests of the Bell Air Cobra, a single-engine, high-speed, low-altitude fighter plane, which proved the fastest single-engine craft in production.

Climbing in excess of 35,000 feet was established and the plane's cannon and six machine-guns were tested satisfactorily above 30,000 feet in temperatures below zero.

The speed is about 400 miles per hour.

An Amazing Embrace: What Stalin Said To Matsuoka

TOKYO, April 28 (Reuter)—A farewell embrace between M. STALIN and MR. MATSUOKA at the Moscow railway station, which amazed everyone present including the Soviet Foreign Office officials, was described by Mr. Matsuoka's private secretary, Mr. Hasegawa, who is publishing a series of articles on Mr. Matsuoka's tour in the ASAHI SHIMBUN chain of newspapers.

M. Stalin is reported to have said see the statesmen apparently over to Mr. Matsuoka, who a short while before had signed the Soviet-Japanese Neutrality Pact, that "IF JAPAN AND THE SOVIET UNION STAND TOGETHER THERE IS NOTHING TO BE FEARED IN EUROPE."

Mr. Matsuoka replied, "Nor will there be anything to fear in the Orient."

M. Stalin thereupon added: "NOR IN THE WORLD."

Foreign diplomatic representatives then present were amazed to

No less amazed were the Soviet Foreign Office officials when one of whom whispered something in M. Stalin's ear.

M. Stalin said "never mind" and stepped into the de luxe carriages dining carriage placed at Mr. Matsuoka's disposal where he shook hands all round.

The most significant, Mr. Hasegawa adds, was the remark by M. Stalin to Mr. Matsuoka in parting: "You are Asiatic; so am I."

CONSTITUTE VIRTUAL ALLIANCE

STABILISATION PACTS

SHANGHAI, Apr. 28 (Reuter)—The two new stabilisation pacts with China by America and Britain "VIRTUALLY CONSTITUTE AN ALLIANCE—for the purpose of preserving the basic freedom of all three," declares the CHINA PRESS in an editorial today.

The newspaper continued: "It was more or less fitting that China, after having suffered the effects for nearly four years of undeclared war, should at this stage have been able to reply to Japan through an instrumentally undeclared alliance with two great Powers whose assets of manpower, naval power, wealth and material resources are unsurpassed by those of the Axis Powers plus those of their subject allies and conquered territories."

DIRECT ANSWER
The signing of the monetary pacts is a direct answer to Japan's Pact with the Soviet, the paper declares and concludes: "As the lend policy of China's western friends remains unchanged, it must be realised that anything Japan can do is in nature more or less an empty gesture."

"At this rate the Japanese must think again as to the advantages of their pact with the Soviet."

MEMBERS NAMED

CHUNGKING, Apr. 28 (Reuter)—The three Chinese members of the Sino-American and Sino-British Stabilisation Funds Board, it is learned authoritatively, will be Mr. Chen Kwang-tu, Governor of the Shanghai Commercial Savings Bank, concurrently Chairman of the Foreign Trade Commission, Mr. Pei Sung-sun of The Bank of China and Mr. Hsi Teh-mou of the Central Bank.

It is learned the American and British members of the Board are not yet selected by the respective governments.

PORTSMOUTH RAIDED

LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter)—Portsmouth was the town on the South Coast mentioned by the Air Ministry in an earlier communique on activities of German planes during the night.

Portsmouth was the main target of attack.

BOMBER DESTROYED

LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter)—One German bomber is known to have been destroyed in the Portsmouth

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Today's News Summary

THE BROADCAST BY Mr. Winston Churchill on Sunday night was warmly welcomed throughout the British Empire and in the United States. It aroused much interest throughout Canada. Press comment points out that free nations were told the hard truth and the Daily Mail pointed out that every front was dependent on the Home front.

DESSIE, IMPORTANT Italian stronghold in Abyssinia, was captured by British forces on Saturday and it is probable that the campaign in East Africa is near its end. Much men and material were captured but no details are yet available.

BOMBERS OF THE ROYAL Air Force again struck at Germany. In a daylight raid on Cologne a German factory was hit. In Britain, Portsmouth bore the brunt of enemy raids on Sunday night. Two hospitals were hit and a store gutted.

A WRITER IN TOKYO has suggested that Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, should have a "frank" talk with President Roosevelt. Mr. Matsuoka's private secretary has revealed a conversation between the Foreign Minister and M. Stalin.

COLONEL CHARLES LINDBERGH has resigned his commission in the United States Air Corps Reserve following criticism of his pro-Axis sentiments by President Roosevelt last week.

GOVERNOR'S CUP FINAL



Picture taken during the Governor's Cup Final at Caroline Hill on Sunday when H.K.F.A. beat the Chinese Federation 2-0. Left to right: C. T. Tsao, V. K. Hui, Fraser, Bright, Bankier (who was brilliant in goal), Hau Chung-to and Roughley.—(King's Studio).

JUNIOR CHESS TOURNEY:

BIRIUKOFF TO MEET TO IN IMPORTANT FIXTURE

WITH THE NUMBER OF ADJOURNED AND POSTPONED GAMES GROWN TO 14, THE COLONY JUNIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT faces a busy week and it is to be hoped that some of the laggards will catch up on their unfinished games.

The Tournament has, despite this fact, kept pace with schedule to an extent that may be deemed remarkable where chess tournaments locally are concerned, and the goal should be to keep it as thoroughly up to schedule as possible.

Some players never seem to learn that in all fairness to the other competitors they should endeavour to keep up with the field in the number of games played.

To those who follow chess tournaments closely, it is more than often apparent that a player who has completed more games than his opponent and can therefore better weigh his position in the tournament holds a tremendous psychological advantage, especially in the closing stages of the competition.

IMPORTANT FIXTURE

The most important fixture for this week, likely to be played off today, is the game between A. Y. Biriukoff and To Yu-lau. The Chinese player is Biriukoff's only remaining formidable opponent, and the loss of a point will draw him down within reach of four other players—Un Kwai-yung, To Yu-lau, Tausz and Darenberg. These four have lost each two points in seven games and are well placed for the remaining rounds.

Other games for the week are the following: J. H. d'Almeida v A. Kurrik, R. C. Danenberg v Un Kwai-yung, J. Taisz v A. Morton, E. M. Petrove v V. V. Kolatshoff, and R. C. Gardner v Wm. Lee.

TABLE TO DATE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
A.Y. Biriukoff	8	6	1	1	6½
Un Kwai-yung	7	5	0	2	5
To Yu-lau	7	4	2	1	5
J. Taisz	7	5	0	2	5
R. C. Danenberg	7	4	2	1	5
J. Grefald	8	4	2	2	5
A. Kurrik	9	3	3	3	4½
V. V. Kolatshoff	8	2	2	4	3
Wm. Lee	9	3	0	6	3
E. M. Petrove	6	2	1	3	2½
A. Morton	5	0	1	4	2
R. C. Gardner	3	0	0	6	0
J. H. d'Almeida	6	0	0	6	0

A Physical Training Display will be held by the C. M. S. Keep Yun School on the school grounds (near Kowloon City) on Saturday, from 3 to 4.30 p.m.

ADVERTISEMENTS

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fifth Extra Race Meeting to be held (weather permitting) on Saturday, 10th May, 1941, may be obtained from the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 1st May, 1941.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN.

Secretary.

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ENTRIES & HANDICAP WEIGHTS FOR MACAO

The following are the entries and handicap weights for the May Meeting of the Macao Jockey Club to be held at Arela Preta Course, Macao, on Sunday, May 5:—

Race 1—"The Kwan Chap Handicap" (1st Section)—Six Furlongs

Dow Jones 142 lbs., Heddon 142, Lancashire Chap 141, Piet Hein 159, National Success 152, New Bedford 135, Radham Star 140.

Race 2—"The Kwan Chap Handicap" (2nd Section)—Six Furlongs

Black Diamond 145 lbs., Chban Love 135, Hopeful Time 152, Mac's Adventure 152, National Anthem 140, Sunshine Suse 140, Sports Venture 152.

Race 3—"The Kwan Chap Handicap" (3rd Section)—Six Furlongs

Cloudy Star 143 lbs., Double Up 135, Eagle 158, Iron Knight 135, National Triumph 149, The Mermaid 153.

Race 4—"The Nam Wan Handicap" Six Furlongs

King's Worthy 135 lbs., Lovely Star 159, Portrush 135, Royal Highness 135, West Lake 142.

Race 5—"The Chairman's Cup" 1 Mile (Special Dollar Sweep)

Country Flower 140 lbs., Courcur Bleu 140, Fairy Auk 152, Fairy Ousel 159, Hogmanay 150, Hohenfels 140, Meadow Eve 148, Merry Fatty 140, Merry Maker 140, Rothsay Bay 140, Shanghai 145, Shih Yin Grand 140, Victory Life 155, Wood Nymph 140.

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

BADMINTON.—Colony Championships (At Kowloon C.C.). Women's Doubles, final.—Miss M.M. Silva and Miss M. A. Xavier (Recreio) v. Mrs. Torrible and Mrs. Zimmermann, 8.30 p.m. Men's Junior Doubles, final.—A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth (Kowloon C.C.) v. C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier (Recreio), 9 p.m. Men's Senior Singles, final.—Patrick H. Wong (holder) (Chinese Y.M.C.A.) v. K.W. Choy (University), 9.30 p.m.

SWIMMING.—European Y.M.C.A. Swimming and Water-polo Practice (5.30-8.30 p.m.).

TENNIS.—Colony Championships, Club Championship, semi-final.—R. E. Guest v. M. Pagh (holder) (Stand Court). Handicap Mixed Doubles, semi-final.—C. H. R. Oxlade and Miss Pritchard (-4/6) v. J. S. Theobald and Mrs. Torrible (-15) (8). Handicap Doubles.—L.M.S. Lloyd and A. D. Humphreys (-3/6) v. R. H. Blake and H. O. D. Knight (-3/6) (4).

TOMORROW

SWIMMING.—European Y.M.C.A. Swimming Practice (5.30-7 p.m.).

TENNIS.—Colony Championships, Open Doubles, semi-final.—Tsuai Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui v. G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall (Stand Court).

WATER-POLO.—European Y.M.C.A. v. M. Middlesex Regiment ("V" pool), 7.15 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 1

BADMINTON.—Colony Championships (At Kowloon C.C.). Mixed Doubles, final.—P. K. Hui and Miss Ullian Khoo (University) v. K. W. Choy and Mrs. Castro, 8.30 p.m. Men's Junior Singles, final.—T. S. Young (Chinese Y.M.C.A.) v. A. L. Fisher (Kowloon C.C.), 9 p.m. Men's Senior Doubles, final.—P. K. Hui and H. F. Chew (University) v. K. W. Choy and K. B. Low (University), 9.30 p.m.

SWIMMING.—European Y.M.C.A. Swimming and Water-polo Practice (5.30-8.30 p.m.).

TENNIS.—Colony Championships, Club Championship, final.—C. H. R. Oxlade and F. W. Carter v. R. E. Guest or M. Pagh (Stand Court).

FRIDAY, MAY 2

TENNIS.—Colony Championships, Handicap Doubles, semi-final.—C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell (-15/2) v. L. M. S. Lloyd and A. D. Humphreys (-3/6) or R. H. Blake and H. O. D. Knight (-3/6) (8).

SATURDAY, MAY 3

LAWN BOWLS.—First Division.—Recreio "A" v. Craig's power; Civil Service v. Kowloon C.C.; Indian Recreation Club v. Police; Kowloon Bowling Green

Tennis Singles:

SEMI-FINAL ABANDONED AFTER ONE GAME

BY "SERVER"

After only one game had been played the semi-final of the Open Singles in the Colony tennis tournament between S. A. Rumjahn, the holder, and Tsui Wai-pui, winner in 1938-39, had to be abandoned owing to the rain.

The game started in a light that was fast fading and an overcast sky that threatened to burst at any minute. The only game played, which went to Tsui after two deuces were called, was in such poor light that it was a wonder why a start was made at all.

It is understood that the match will be played off on Friday and the few "hardy souls" that braved the threatening oncoming rainstorm will be glad to learn that their tickets still hold good for the replay!

TODAY'S PROGRAMME

If weather permits—and prospects are none too bright at the time of writing—the semi-final in the Club Singles Championship will be played at the Stand Court when M. Pagh, the holder, will face his new rival, Capt. R. E. Guest. Other Club matches tentatively arranged are as follows:—
"Heap Doubles"—L. M. S. Lloyd and A. D. Humphreys (-3/6) v. R. H. Blake and H. O. D. Knight (-3/6).
"Heap Mixed Doubles" (semi-final)—C. H. R. Oxlade and Miss Pritchard (-4/6) v. J. S. Theobald and Mrs. Torrible (-15).

K.C.C. PRIZES

The Kowloon Cricket Club presentation of prizes for cricket, tennis, bowls and billiards will be held at the clubhouse on Saturday, at 8.15 p.m.

A musical programme is being arranged for the evening and a new game will be introduced entitled "Bringing Home the Bacon."

Club "B" v. Recreio "B"; Kowloon Docks v. Kowloon Bowling Green Club "A". Second Division.—Recreio v. Hongkong Cricket Club; Kowloon C.C. v. Kowloon Tong; Craigen-gower v. Kowloon Bowling Green Club; Kowloon Football Club v. Kowloon Football Club; Police v. Indian Recreation Club; Hongkong Cricket Club v. Recreio.

BRITISH ARMY HOCKEY XI



The British Army Hockey team which recently won the Quadrangular Tournament.—(King's Studio).

H.K. POLICE RESERVE

Orders by the Hon. Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans, Commissioner of Police

GENERAL

The "Star" Ferry Company. Limited has kindly consented to post up on its Hongkong and Kowloon wharves the Weekly Orders commencing from this date.

SQUAD DRILL

Through the courtesy of Lieut. Col. D. J. McDougall, M.C., Commanding the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Scots the Murray Barracks Parade Ground has been allotted to the Police Reserve on Wednesdays from 17.15 hours commencing on April 30, 1941.

O.C.'s are instructed to arrange weekly Squad Drill Parades and fullest advantage is to be taken of the opportunity now afforded for efficiency and smartness.

CHINESE COMPANY

Strength. Constable (R) 81 John Wong has been taken on the strength of the Chinese Company, as from April 23, 1941.

Police Sergeant (R) 2 Chan Tak Chiu has been permitted to resign from the Chinese Company, as from date.

Commendation. Constable (R) 1235 Un Mai Wai is commended by the Commissioner of Police for zeal and alertness in arresting a Chinese Male on April 12, 1941 who was convicted for Larceny from the Person.

Training Course—Part I. Those detailed will attend Murray Barracks Parade Ground for instruction in Part I of Training Course on Wednesday, April 30 at 17.15 hours. Dress—Khaki Uniform.

Training Course—Part IV. Those detailed will attend Prince's Bldg., 1st floor, for Part IV of Training Course under Inspector (R) Lau Shiu Chuen on Wednesday, April 30 at 17.15 hours sharp.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

INDIAN COMPANY

Training Course—Part I. Those detailed will attend Indian Company Headquarters for instructions in Part I of Training Course under Police Sergeant (R) 214 Chander Singh on Tuesday, and Friday, April 29, and May 2 at 17.15 hours.

Training Course—Part II. Those detailed will attend Indian Company Headquarters for instructions in Part II of Training Course under O.C. Indian Company on Tuesday, and Friday, April 29, and May 2 at 17.15 hours.

Training Course—Part III. Those detailed will attend Indian Company Headquarters for instructions in Part III of Training Course under O.C. Indian Company on Tuesday, and Friday, April 29, and May 2 at 17.15 hours.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

FLYING SQUAD

Training Course—Part I. Those detailed will attend Murray Barracks Parade Ground for instructions in Part I of Training Course on Wednesday, April 30 at 17.15 hours under Police Sergeant (R) 371 K. B. Lee. Dress—Khaki Uniform.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

EMERGENCY UNIT RESERVE Inspection Parade. All ranks of the Emergency Unit Reserve "A" and "B" Companies will parade at Murray Barracks Parade Ground on Wednesday, April 30 at 17.15 hours sharp for a general inspection by the Company Commander. Dress—Khaki Uniform, Cap with

Badminton "Greens" Awarded

Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo and Mr. George She were unanimously elected honorary legal advisers of the Hongkong University Athletic Association at the second Council Meeting held recently at the Union Assembly Room.

It was also decided that Messrs. P. S. Bun, M. S. Lim and H. F. Chew be awarded the badminton "green" for their remarkable skill in the game.

Mr. T. T. Lim was given a tennis "green."

The meeting was presided over by Mr. K. S. Oh, President of the Association.

CUP RETURNED TO H.K.F.A.

The cup presented by Macao Football Association to the Hongkong Football Association five years ago on the occasion of the first official Interport has found its way back to the Association's offices after an absence of three years.

Some years ago, the Association were without office accommodation and the cup was taken for safe custody to a Sergeant's Mess by the then Hon. Secretary.

On leaving the Colony he left the cup behind and it was only recently that a member of the mess took the trouble to return it to the Association.

TWO WEDDINGS AT REGISTRY

The following marriages took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday, with Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar of Marriages, officiating:—

Mr. Choy Bing-woon, clerk, of No. 209, Prince Edward Road, and Miss Rosie Yue, of No. 8 Tin Hau Temple Road;

Mr. Hui Man-chu, staff of the Royal Observatory, and Miss Suen Yun-kwai, of No. 7 Fuk Lo Tsun Road, second floor.

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Mr. Leung Kon-shing, dresser, of No. 70 Hollywood Road, first floor, and Miss Yeung Mo-ching, of No. 155 Shanghai Street, first floor;

Mr. Ng Wai-pui, merchant, of Beautiful Terrace, and Miss Kam Yiu-ching, of No. 133 Kweilin Street.

Mr. M. N. Rakusen will address the Hongkong Rotary Club today on "You and Your Radio." At the following meeting of the Club, on Tuesday, May 6, Mr. H. Broken-shire will speak on "Gilbert and Sullivan."

Training Course—Part II. Members of the "B" Company will attend Police Reserve Headquarters on Friday May 2 at 17.15 hours for Part II of Training Course.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

O. EAGER, D.O.P. (R). Hongkong, April 28, 1941.

WHOLESALE PRICES IN THE COLONY

The Superintendent of Imports and Exports has released for publication the following tables of wholesale price index numbers in the Colony of Hongkong.

The index—which is unweighted—has been constructed from declarations furnished to the Statistical Branch of the Imports and Exports Department by Importers.

There was a general average increase of 20.6 per cent in the 1st Quarter of 1941 as compared with the 1st Quarter of 1940.

The Foodstuffs group increased by 26.3 per cent in the 1st Quarter of 1941 as compared with the 1st Quarter of 1940; Textiles by 13.3 per cent; Metals and Minerals by 20.8 per cent; and Miscellaneous items by 20.5 per cent.

(Average for year 1922-1940)

	1939	1940	1940	1941
	Average	Average	1st Qr.	1st Qr.
Foodstuffs	134.9	174.8	158.2	199.8
Textiles	105.2	145.0	131.1	148.5
Metals and Minerals	145.0	210.0	191.4	231.3
Miscellaneous	125.9	164.5	157.7	190.1
General Average (all groups)	128.0	173.3		

FOODSTUFFS

Beans	119.1	170.8	154.8	206.9
Beef	238.0	241.7	287.0	238.9
Eggs	150.7	170.4	174.7	209.0
Flour (Wheat)	90.7	143.5	121.5	161.3
Salt Fish	121.1	135.8	135.8	132.5
Fruits, Fresh	272.5	450.8	243.9	444.2
Lard	86.4	132.1	127.9	165.9
Milk (Condensed)	137.7	171.0	163.5	175.3
Mutton	172.7	187.1	145.5	234.8
Onions	100.2	131.5	159.9	184.5
Peanut Oil	123.3	163.5	163.5	162.8
Pork	155.6	222.1	167.5	262.5
Potatoes	124.0	137.2	127.3	215.7
Poultry	145.8	197.3	157.0	224.4
Rice (Broken)	113.9	172.5	157.6	229.1
Rice (White)	109.0	157.6	137.6	197.8
Sugar (Raw)	108.2	134.0	148.3	107.2
Vegetables (Dried, etc.)	50.8	62.9	67.3	83.1
Vermicelli	146.2	137.8	145.9	169.3

TEXTILES

Cotton Yarn	101.2	128.3	125.0	145.4
Cottons (Dyed, plain)	82.6	103.3	89.9	117.4
Italians (Dyed, figured and plain)	64.1	72.1	60.2	126.8
Shirtings (White 40/43 yards)	54.2	67.2	57.9	72.8
Hemp (Manila)	105.2	133.3	139.7	132.6
Gunny Bags	235.6	375.4	437.8	391.7
Hessian Cloth	81.4	78.6	87.9	74.8
Silk Piece Goods	65.9	77.5	68.5	78.5
Silk Yarn (Artificial)	26.0	44.4	35.7	54.3
Blankets (Wool and Union)	124.3	198.0	145.5	201.3
Flannels	272.3	304.4	240.1	244.8
Suitings and Tweeds (Woolen)	81.9	142.8	86.4	142.7

METALS AND MINERALS

Brass Sheets	149.8	208.4	205.3	205.0
Yellow Metal Sheathing	130.3	199.2	175.8	219.7
Coal	132.4	257.7	211.8	276.0
Iron and Steel Bars	17.0	286.4	247.0	310.8
Iron and Steel Nails	158.4	231.9	241.2	241.2
Iron and Steel Plates	244.4	320.1	300.0	337.3
Lead (Pig)	150.0	228.7	202.8	283.0
Kerosene	35.7	65.1	64.6	88.8
Oil Fuel	169.7	215.3	226.0	241.6
Lubricating Oil	95.6	117.0	95.4	125.6
Petrol	37.7	69.4	70.7	88.9
Tin	249.0	320.0	257.3	377.8

MISCELLANEOUS

Cement	97.9	148.6	117.6	235.3
Charcoal	42.1	57.4	48.7	91.0
Feather (Duck)	136.1	155.7	159.2	193.0
Firewood	139.6	185.1	181.9	277.9
Hardwood	73.1	87.7	73.8	105.8
Hides (Cow)	251.1	283.4	292.1	283.1
Hides (Buffalo)	253.4	306.7	337.3	304.5
Leather (Sole)	136.7	153.1	142.5	155.4
Paper (Chinese)	80.9	88.5	92.9	110.3
Rattans	133.8	166.5	148.7	154.1
Salt-petre	122.9	212.1	201.5	179.4
Softwoods	136.6	170.3	162.9	212.4
Soda Ash	81.8	117.4	104.7	216.7
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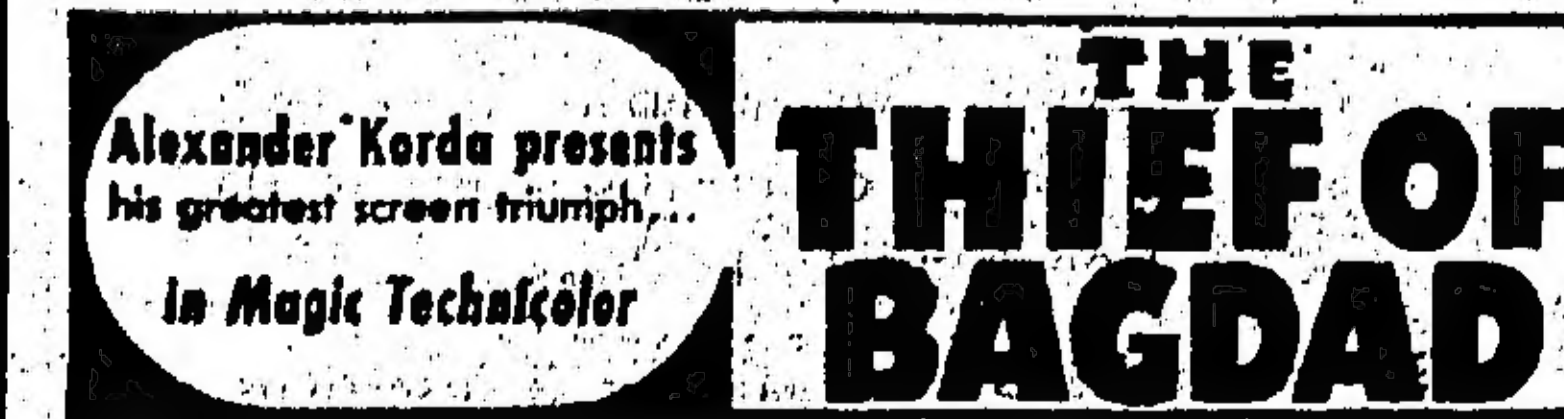
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1.30 Reuter and Regby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Nat Gonella & His Georgians. Fox-Trots—Ten Pretty Girls; Oh, They're Tough-Mighty Tough in the West. Slow Fox-Trot—Makin' A Fool of Myself; Quickstep—Get Hot. Fox-Trots—Woe Is Me; Mama Don't Allow It. Quickstep—The Cynos in My Soul; Fox-Trot—Let Us Be Sweeheart-Over Again. Fox-Trot—Peckin'.

2.15 Close Down.
 5.45 Indian Programme.
 6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Aldershot Tattoo, 1938.
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 Sea Shanties—Intro: Billy Boy; Johnny Come Down to Hilo; I'll Go No more, A-Roving; Rio Grande. Sea Songs—Intro: Jolly Roger; Sailor's Chorus.

7.00 London Relay—The News.
 7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

7.30 Portuguese Programme.
 8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 Gertrude Lawrence and Noel Coward in Variety.
 where are we going we ought—Noel Coward (soprano). "Crazy On The Wave"—Selection—The Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra. The Physician; Experiment (both from "Nymph Errand")—Gertrude Lawrence (soprano). Conversation Piece—Selection (Noel Coward)—Charles Prentice and His Orchestra. Mad Dogs and Englishmen; Let's Say Goodbye (both from "Words and Music")—Noel Coward (Vocal).

8.30 An Eric Coates Programme.
 Four Ways Suite. Northwards (March)—Southwards (Valse)—Eastwards (Eastern Dance)—Westwards (Rhythm)—New Light Symphony Orchestra. Bird Songs At Eventide—Richard Crooks (Tenor). London Bridge March—New Light Symphony Orchestra. The Fairy Tales of Ireland—Eddie Ackland (Contralto). By The Sleepy Lagoon—Eric Coates & Symphony Orchestra.

9.00 London Relay—The News.
 9.15 "The Hope of a New World" No. 1: "What is Wrong with the Old World."

Recorded talk by the Archbishop of York.
 9.32 Magyar Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.

"Far Goes The Crane; Down It Pours in the Pusztas. You Were Unfaithful To Me; You Left Me, Don't Come Back. Out in the Pusztas I Plough and Sow; It's A Great Pity. You Gave Me The First Kiss; In the Cafe with Glistening Mirrors.

8.45 Some Scottish Songs.
 O Sing to me the Old Scotch Songs (Lesson); Ye Banks and Braes (arr. Lees)—Joseph Hislop (Tenor). Tam Glen (arr. Stephen and Burnet); Deirdre's Farewell To Scotland ("Songs of the Hebrides")—Jean Day (Soprano). An Eriskay Love Lilt ("Songs of the Hebrides")—Joseph Hislop (Tenor).

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9.45—10.00 News in French (on Short Wave Only).
 10.00 Studio—"China Produces for Resistance."
 Talk by Rewi Alley.
 10.10 Hawaiian Selections w. Bing Crosby (Vocal).
 Fox-Trots—A Song of Old Hawaii; South of Pago-Pago—Ray Kinney and His Hawaiian Musical Ambassadors. Aloha Oe; Song of the Islands—Bing Crosby with Dick McIntire and His Harmony Hawaiians. Fox-Trot—Hawaiian Hospitality—Ronnie Munro and His Orchestra. Hawaiian Paradise (Owens)—Bing Crosby with Dick McIntire and His Harmony Hawaiians. Fox-Trots—Hawaiian Ripples; Dreams of Aloha—Noel Lane's Hawaiian Orchestra.

10.35 Dance Music.
 Fox-Trot—When You Wish Upon a Star; Quickstep—Give a Little Whistle (both from film "Pinocchio")—Gerardo and His Savoy Hotel Orchestra. Tangos—Classico; Llorar Y Reir—Juan Lloas and His Orchestra. Fox-Trot—My Capri Serenade; Waltz—Who's Taking You Home Tonight?—Maurice Winnick and His Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Down The Trail of Dreams; Faithful Forever—The Organ, The Dance Band and Me.

11.00 Close Down.

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ACROSS

1 Masculine name.

4 Mohammedan officer.

8 Verdi opera.

12 Tone in Guido's scale.

13 What town was the scene of the first armed resistance to the British in the American Revolution?

15 What novel by Melville was fashioned into an opera by Bizet?

17 Sheltered side.

18 Note of the scale.

19 Impost.

20 Obese.

21 Nothing.

22 Slender.

24 Cooking utensil.

25 Solitary.

26 Electrified particle.

27 Armed combat.

28 Persian fairy.

29 Hebrew name for God.

30 What is the first of the Gospel narratives?

32 Company (abbr.).

34 Metal.

36 In what manner?

37 Insane.

38 Insect.

39 Ask alms.

40 Cause of ruin.

41 Worm.

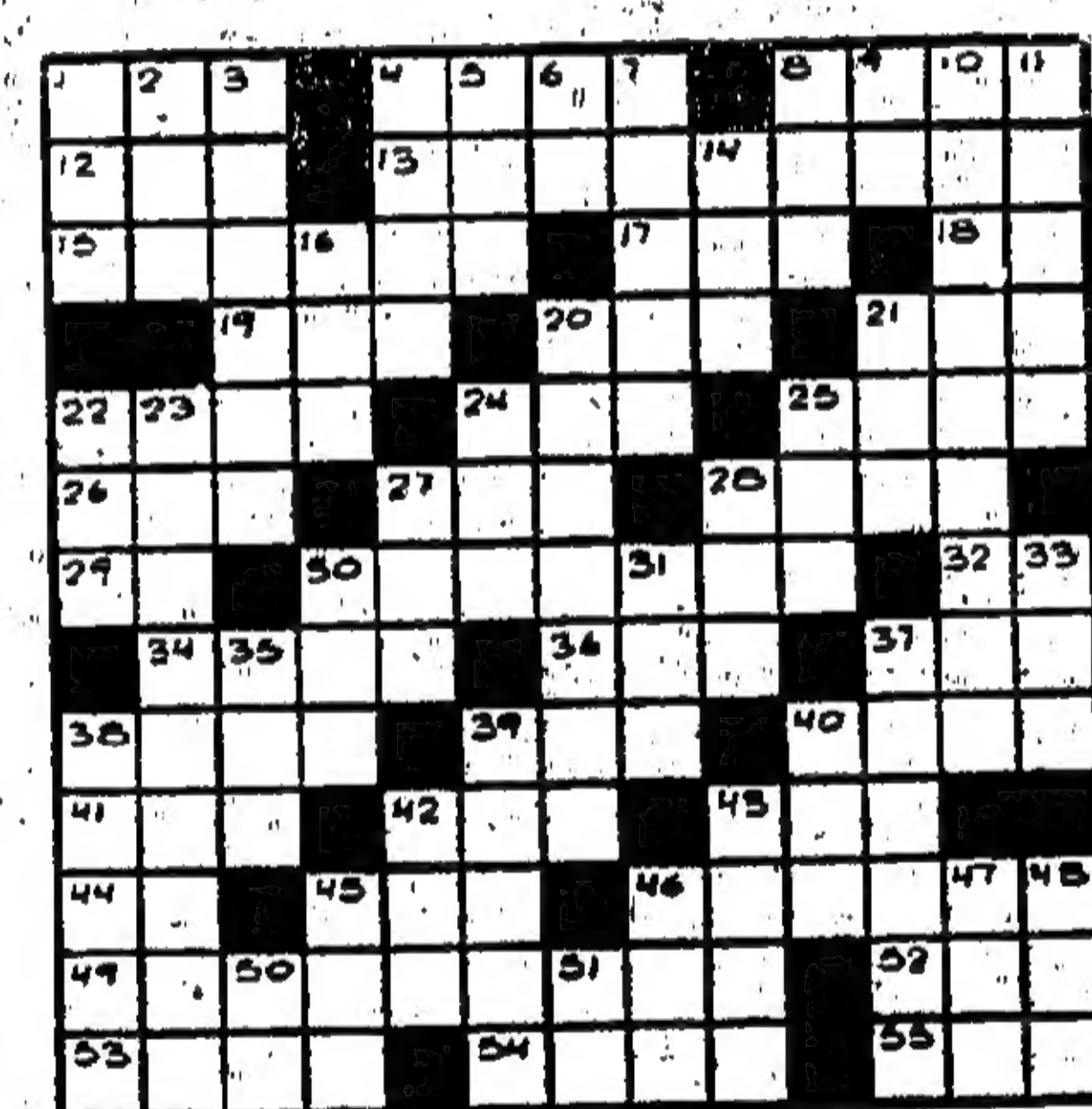
42 Barrier.

43 Animal's coat.

44 Sound of hesitation.

45 Underworld deity.

46 County in Kentucky.



49 The death of what king delivered Portugal to Spain?

52 Garden implement.

53 Paradise.

54 Conclusions.

55 Serpent.

DOWN

1 Dry, said of wine.

2 Wing.

3 Who is regarded as the patron saint of France?

4 Holly.

5 Chess pieces.

6 Chopping tool.

7 What was the capital of Italy under Napoleon?

8 Grow old.

9 Pronoun.

10 What re-public forms the eastern part of Haiti?

11 Old womanish.

14 Gain as clear profit.

16 Human being.

20 More distant.

21 Correlative of neither.

22 Blind.

23 From what.

24 Strike lightly.

25 What was the first name of the general who wrote "Ben Hur"?

27 Pale.

28 Church seat.

30 Witticism.

31 Swine.

33 Poem.

35 Short-napped fabric.

37 Who was the wife of the first President?

38 Fowl.

39 Fasten temporarily.

40 Prickly-seed-vessel.

42 Twice.

43 Wren.

45 Masculine name.

46 Yellow fellow.

47 Dawn goddess.

48 Cloth.

50 Have existence.

51 At home.

COMING EVENTS

APRIL

29—Tides: High 10.21 a.m. Low: 4.21 a.m. and 5.37 p.m.

Sunrise: 5.53 a.m.; Sunset: 6.49 p.m.

Claims against Estate of late Mr. W. A. W. Dawn due.

Birthday of H.I.J.M. Emperor of Japan. Reception at H.K. Hotel Roof Garden, 11.30 a.m.

Rotary Club Luncheon, H.K.H. Roof Garden, 1 p.m.

Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.

Prayer and Fellowship meeting, S & S Home, 8.30 p.m.

30—Tides: High 12.03 p.m. and 10.48 p.m. Low: 4.44 a.m. and 6.18 p.m.

Sunrise: 5.52 a.m.; Sunset: 6.49 p.m.

Annual Mtg. of Macao Electric Lighting Co. Ltd., Officers of Messrs. Lowe Bligham and Matthews, 11.30 a.m.

H.K. Engineering and Construction Co. Ltd. Annual Meeting, Offices of Messrs. Sir Ely Kadoorie and Sons, noon.

Cheero Club Dance, 8.30 p.m.

General committee meeting of S & S Home, 5.30 p.m.

Ladies Working Party (B.W.O.F.) Govt. House, 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. War Work, 9 a.m. to noon.

H.K. Yenching Alumni Assn. Tea Reception, Gloucester Hotel, 5.15 p.m.

MAY

1—Tides: High 12.53 a.m. and 11.17 p.m. Low: 5.04 a.m. and 7.06 p.m.

Sunrise: 5.51 a.m.; Sunset: 6.50 p.m.

"Y" A.D.C. Presentation, "Mrs. Dot," 9.15 p.m.

St. Andrew's (Medical) War Work, 10 a.m.

V.D.M.A. Committee Meeting, St. Andrew's Church, 5.30 p.m.

St. Andrew's Fellowship Committee Meeting, 6.15 p.m.

2—Tides: High 1.52 a.m. and 11.51 p.m. Low: 5.20 a.m. and 7.57 p.m.

Sunrise: 5.51 a.m.; Sunset: 6.51 p.m.

H.K. Chamber Music Club Concert, Government House, 9.15 p.m.

"Y" A.D.C. Presentation, "Mrs. Dot," 9.15 p.m.

St. Andrew's Church Intercession Service, 6.30 p.m.

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DISTINGUISHED MILITARY CAREER OF COLONEL HSIEH

CHUNGKING, April 28 (Central)—Colonel Hsieh Ching-yuan, Commander of the "Lone Battalion" in Shanghai, who was brutally murdered by four members of the Battalion on April 24, had had a distinguished military career, having participated in many revolutionary campaigns and rendered meritorious services, for which he was decorated by the National Government in 1937.

EMPIRE AIRMEN ARRIVE IN BRITAIN

CONTINGENT EAGER FOR ACTION

LONDON, April 28 (Reuter).—One of the biggest single contingents of men from Canada since the Empire Air Training Scheme started has arrived safely at a British port, all eager to get into action.

Among them were Canadians, Australians, New Zealanders and R.A.F. men from Britain who have completed their training in Canada and a number of Americans. Typical of the Americans is P. Clark from California, who has fought for China against the Japanese and in the Spanish war with the Republicans. He is to pilot planes from factory to airfield.

The contingent, which was stated to be well up to the standard of the first Dominion airmen to arrive in Britain, was welcomed by Wing Commander the Duke of Hamilton on behalf of the Air Council, who said that under the Empire Training Scheme Britain could depend on obtaining efficient crews to man all the machines she could produce.

AUSTRALIAN POLITICS

NEW PARTY TO BE FORMED

MELBOURNE, April 28 (Reuter).—There is no political disunity regarding the prosecution of the war.

The Labour Leader, Mr. John Curtin, made this categorical declaration yesterday in a message addressed not only to Australia but to the world in general.

Australia and her workers, he said, were determined to give all and bear all in this crucial struggle for human liberty. It would be wrong for us to mistake liberty of speech for strength but equally wrong if friends construe this liberty as evidence of doubt, he added.

Mr. Curtin finally reiterated the Labour Party's unyielding opposition to aggression.

NATIONAL GOVERNMENT
BRISBANE, April 28 (Reuter).—A new move to secure unity among the political parties was announced yesterday and the Acting Prime Minister, Mr. A. W. Fadden, expressed the hope that far-reaching results would accrue. Members of Parliament belonging to Queensland State, the United Australia Party and the Country Party at a meeting here decided to unite and form a new party to be known as the "Country National Party."

Mr. Fadden, who presided, said that he hoped that the decision was the forerunner of party differences everywhere and the formation of a national government.

RUSSIAN COMMENT ON GREECE

MOSCOW, April 28 (Reuter).—Despite Germany's successes in Greece, Britain is still master of the Eastern Mediterranean, says the Soviet military expert, Colonel Popoff, writing in the Red Star, organ of the Soviet Army.

After discussing the chances of Germany controlling the Aegean and linking up with the Italian forces in the Dodecanese, Col. Popoff says that the British forces in Greece were "adequate."

FENGHUA STILL IN CHINESE HANDS

EAST CHEKIANG, April 28 (Central).—Despite the Japanese claim of capture of Fenghua, 18 miles southwest of Ningpo, the city remains in Chinese hands.

The Japanese troops, pushing from Ningpo to Kiangchow have been effectively checked by strong Chinese resistance. A small party of plainclothes men penetrated Fenghua, but they were immediately repulsed.

CAPTURED



GENERAL DE WIART

The capture of Major General de Wiart by Axis forces in Cyrenaica, a claim made by the official Italian news agency, was officially confirmed in London. De Wiart is known as "the most wounded British general." Years after the last war, he was still having shrapnel taken out of his body. He had lost his left eye and left hand. He had many foreign decorations for bravery.

SINO-JAPANESE HOSTILITIES

CHEKIANG TOWNS RECAPTURED

CHUNGKING, April 28 (Central).—Linhai (Tachow), and Huangyen, important towns in south-east Chekiang, have both been wrested back from the Japanese by Chinese troops.

Heavy Chinese pressure is being exerted upon the Japanese occupying Wenchow, treaty port about 30 miles from the mouth of the Ou River. After the recapture of Melao, the Chinese are battering their way to the city itself.

Following the recent reverse, the Japanese in the Chuki sector have sent reinforcements and are counter-attacking at Paitowchen and Tsaochiaishih, points south of Chuki. A part of them counter-attacking at Hengshanshih, south-east of Chuki, have been repulsed.

Hsieh, the widow, expressing condolence on behalf of the National Women's Relief Association.

Dr. H. H. Kung, Vice-President of the Executive Yuan, also sent a message of condolence to the family of Colonel Hsieh.

A native of Chiuling in north-eastern Kwangtung near the Fukien border, the late Colonel Hsieh was born in 1904 and was educated at the Chungshan University in Canton and the Whampoa Military Academy where he specialised in infantry and graduated in the fourth class in October, 1928. Later, in 1934, he received further training at the Officers' Training Institute at Kuling in Kiangsi, graduating in the second class.

Since 1928, Colonel Hsieh had served successively as squad commander, company commander, battalion commander, senior staff officer, and deputy regimental commander. After the battle at the godown of the Joint Savings Bank in Shanghai 1937, he was promoted regimental commander which post he held up to the time of his assassination.

BATTLE OF TUNGLO
Colonel Hsieh had taken an active part in the Nationalist Northern Punitive Expedition. In the winter of 1928, he fought in the battle of Tunglo in Chekiang. In July, 1927, he participated in the battle of Lungtan near Chinkiang in Kiangsu when the northern warlord Sun Chuan-fang made an unsuccessful attempt to regain control of the south-eastern Provinces.

He also played a heroic part in the Tsinan Incident of 1928 and was wounded in action, for which he was commended and promoted.

BRILLIANT DEFENCE
Colonel Hsieh distinguished himself best in the battle of Shanghai in 1937 when he put up a brilliant defence at the godown of the Joint Savings Bank in Chapei which attracted international attention. In recognition of his meritorious services and heroic stand in face of overwhelming odds, he was decorated with a blue-sky-white-sun medal by the National Government on November 17, 1937.

The late Colonel Hsieh is survived by both parents, wife and four children, two boys and two girls.

MEMORIAL SERVICE ON MAY 3

CHUNGKING, April 28 (Central).—About 100,000 people, mostly students and workers visited the "Lone Battalion" internment camp in the International Settlement, Shanghai, to pay homage to the late Colonel Hsieh Ching-yuan, commander of the "Lone Battalion" yesterday, the third day after the encoffining ceremony, says a Shanghai dispatch.

The roads leading to the internment camp were jammed with people. The S.M.C. sent out squads of Chinese and foreign police and the Volunteer Corps with several armoured vans to maintain order.

A gigantic memorial service is scheduled to be held on May 3 by the various circles in Shanghai.

CONDOLENCE MESSAGES
Madame Chiang Kai-shek yesterday sent a telegram to Mrs.

HAMBURG, BREMERHAVEN FEEL POWER OF NEW BRITISH BOMBS

LONDON, April 28 (Reuter).—Berlin and Bremen have already felt the force of Britain's latest and most powerful bombs.

On Saturday night it was the second largest city and greatest seaport to experience the devastation they can cause.

It was a dark, moonless night when the bombers arrived over their target, but there were clear patches through the clouds from which the results of the attack were visible.

The effect of one explosion was described by an R.A.F. pilot as a "huge heaving mass like a volcanic eruption which rose and settled down into a great red glow fully half a mile in diameter."

The burst of this particular bomb was also seen by a sergeant pilot in another plane who said: "We were 10 miles off, but even at that distance it was terrific."

Other reports spoke of fires raging in many parts of the city which was enveloped in thick black smoke.

Similar results were seen at Bremerhaven where observers saw "buildings going up in the air" after one of the R.A.F. "Specials" had been dropped.

E. AFRICAN CAMPAIGN REACHES FINAL STAGES

KHARTOUM, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—The remaining operations in Abyssinia before the final occupation of what was Italian East African Empire are proceeding satisfactorily.

The Sudan Defence Force, which captured the port of Mota on Thursday, collected apart from 12 officers and several hundred colonial troops, much stores and ammunition, two guns and a fighter aircraft.

Reports that many Italian colonial units are being disbanded owing to their depletion through desertion are made by deserters surrendering to our forces in the Amba-bagel area.

While the Imperial forces are closing in on the last strongholds of enemy resistance in Abyssinia, preparations for the return of Haile Selassie to his capital are proceeding apace, writes Reuter's Special correspondent.

A number of houses have been decked with the national colours of green, gold and red.

Patriot forces have now taken over control of the fort protecting Addis Ababa aerodrome and a special patriot ward has been opened in a hospital in the capital in which Abyssinian girls have been asked to become nurses.

Reports from the battle fronts show that operations are proceeding smoothly. South African forces which have been engaged in battle against the Italians south of Kemnotcha Pass, commanding the approach to Dessie, have advanced a further two miles.

At the same time, the Nigerian forces operating in very difficult country in Fichewra, north of Addis Ababa, have forced the enemy to take to the hills after destroying their motor transport. Pursuit in this area continues.

TURKEY ORDERS EVACUATION OF ISTANBUL

BRITONS ADVISED TO LEAVE

VICHY, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—General evacuation of civilians from Istanbul by rail and sea is beginning next Thursday, says an Istanbul message to the Vichy news agency.

It is estimated that 2,000 persons may be transported at the expense of the Turkish Government to a reception area in Central Anatolia.

In the meantime, voluntary exodus from Istanbul continues.

BRITISH COLONY

The message adds that members of the British Colony in Istanbul have been instructed by the British Consulate to leave for Palestine, Cyprus, Egypt or India.

No confirmation of the instructions to the British colony in Istanbul has been received in London, but it is learned that probably persons having no special reason to stop in the Turkish city have been advised to leave.

Britain Has Device To Rescue Parachute Troops

London's official confirmation recently that British parachute troops have been operating in southern Italy has special significance because of the implication that some of the men had returned to their "base." While the wording of the British communiqué was obscure, probably intentionally, the natural use of "base" in its military sense means starting point or some place of security for recuperation.

If this be the actual meaning in the present instance, then it would seem that the British have found some secret means of rescuing parachute troops after they have done their work in enemy territory.

That is to say, parachutists can no longer be described as "suicide troops" or as men marked inevitably for capture if they are not killed while engaged in their hazardous tasks.

NOT PERFECT
The Italians have announced the capture of several parachutists and the British say "some" did not return to their base. Thus, the rescue device seems to have operated imperfectly; but that it should have worked at all is one of the astonishing developments of the war, it is true.

The most reasonable assumption of the way the British parachutists might be brought home after completing their attacks is that British planes had landed at specific points near the scene of operations. It could have been arranged beforehand that at a definite time the parachutists would have finished their work and would assemble at an agreed place for rescue.

PRECARIOUS PLAN
Any such plan, however, must necessarily be precarious. It would depend for success on exact timing and on enemy confusion due to the suddenness of the parachute attacks. If there were a certain degree of inefficiency on the part of the enemy, the hazards would be decreased.

The objectives of the parachute offensive would have to be near clearings where the rescue planes could land. This factor would limit the area of operation.

It would be necessary for the operations to take place in darkness. How the parachutists could make their way back to their planes in unfamiliar country at night is difficult to understand unless the timing allowed for the return just as dawn broke or the planes may have used flares which the Italians may have thought were their own signals.

ACTUAL LANDING
The actual landing of British planes in Italian territory without immediate detection could be done without too much difficulty, especially in the dark. Open fields are numerous and, while the take-off would be more troublesome, it would not be impossible.

It is known that on several occasions German aviators who had lost their way over England had

CABLE NEWS IN BRIEF

LONDON, April 28 (Reuter).—Sir Walrod Snelcar has been appointed rubber controller. Sir Walrod is Chairman and Managing Director of the British Tyre and Rubber Company.

SHANGHAI, April 28 (Reuter).—All the four Chungking banks which have been closed for more than a week, reopened here this morning.

LONDON, April 28 (Reuter).—The stamp of Kultur and the true German Order have been imposed by Herr Hitler on these eastern German territories," declared Herr Rust, German Minister of Education, opening the new German university of Pomerania (Poland) founded by Hitler. Herr Rust added: "The district of Wartha must be the granary of the Reich."

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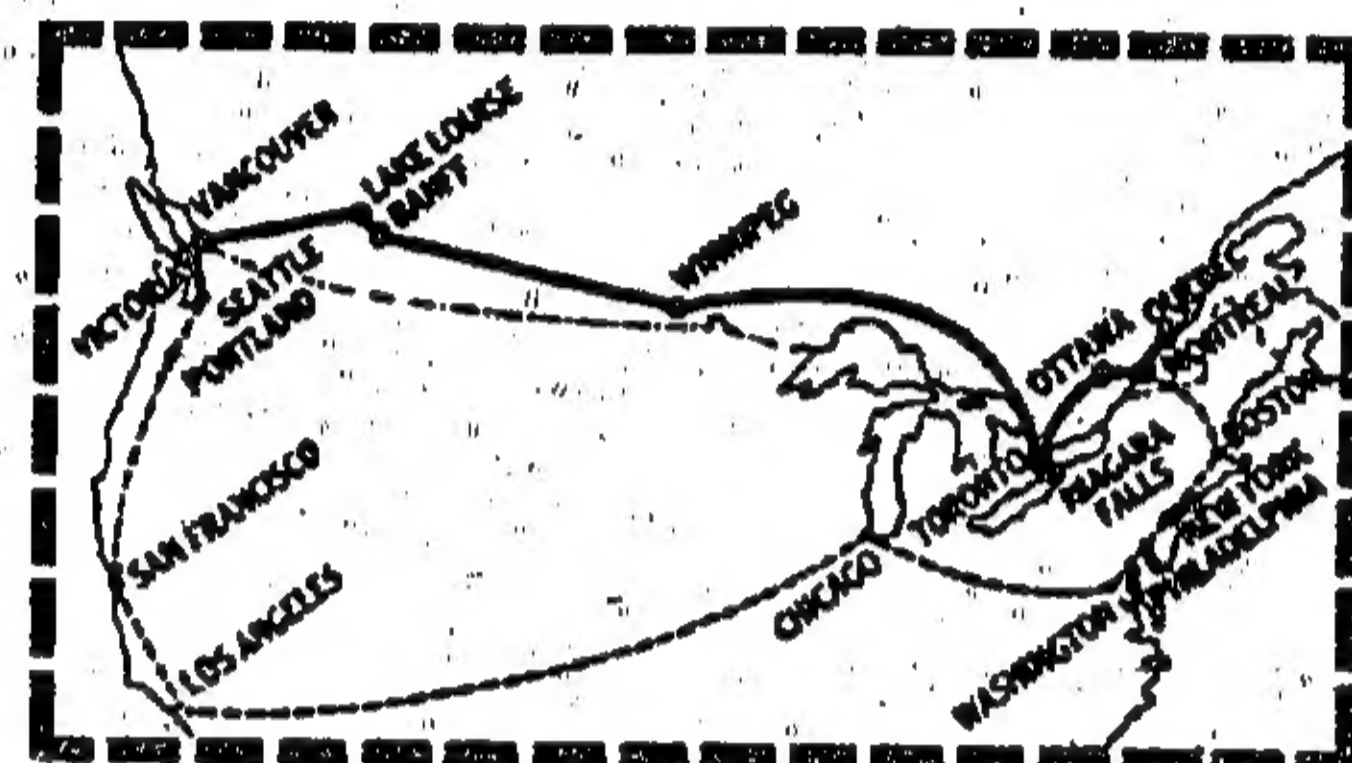
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REASSURING AND
REFRESHING

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, the British Prime Minister, found that a tour of the most heavily bombed places in Britain—"places where the malice of the savage enemy had done its worst"—had acted on him like a tonic and had reassured and refreshed him. In explaining this to the people of the British Empire, in the course of his broadcast on Sunday night, Mr. Churchill did more to reassure and refresh the people throughout the Empire than he perhaps realised. To people in the far corners of the British Commonwealth of Nations, who have to rely for their news on the meagre reports that come through to them couched in the bald and unimpressive language of bulletins and communiques, the Prime Minister's speech was, indeed, a real tonic. It revealed how deep rooted is the stout oak of England—the oak that is representative of stout British hearts to tread the path they have started on without ever flinching from the obstacles that crop up on the way and the setbacks they receive before their final goal of giving freedom to the world is reached.

THE "fretfulness and uneasiness" which Mr. Churchill's words will surely have dispelled at Home will also now be dispelled in other parts of the Empire, where they had, naturally enough, commenced to spread owing to the lack of a free and frank exposition of the situation. This has now been given by the Prime Minister, who, while not glossing over the immediate advantage gained by a ruthless and formidable enemy, answered those critics—the pessimistic elements that form part of every nation's political structure—in sentences that fully justified every action taken by the British Government in the developments in the Balkans and the Middle East. These actions, apart from the fact that they have increased and strengthened the respect which British conduct of the war has aroused throughout the world, have not been

Japanese
Carnage
In Foochow

Vivid scenes of Japanese carnage in Foochow were described by the latest refugees fleeing the city.

Upon entry into Foochow, the refugees said, the Japanese indulged in an orgy of indiscriminate killing, rape and plunder. Young men have suffered most, many of whom were killed and hacked to death. Machineguns were mounted at street corners mowing down pedestrians in large numbers. The most horrible scenes, according to the refugees, were witnessed at Changchienshan, Tachiao-tow, Chunmeng, Hungshanchiao and nearby places where the streets were strewn with dead bodies and blood literally flowed into ditches.

A house-to-house search was made by the Japanese for women and the families of government officials, many of whom were assaulted criminally before being killed.—(Central News).

HEAVY RAIN
YESTERDAY

Though the Colony's reservoirs must have benefited to a considerable extent by the heavy downpour yesterday afternoon it must have caused some discomfort to the many people on the point of leaving their offices.

Up to late in the afternoon the weather was fair and gave hopes of clearing after a week's rain.

The sky, however, darkened about 3.30 and by 4.30 it was like just after sunset.

Then came the downpour, with thunder and lightning, just before 5 p.m. Rain fell incessantly for the next four hours.

without their military, political and economic value. The balance of the advantage from these developments is still with Britain and her allies. Mr. Churchill made it clear how the British withdrawal from the Balkans and along the North African coast had, in spite of the fact that they gave the enemy temporary gains, actually militated against the enemy's plans by forcing him to pursue a course which he had tried hard to avoid.

THE HEROIC resistance put up by the Greeks and the plucky, but short, opposition which the Yugoslavs gave a greatly superior foe, coupled with the gallant manner in which Britain did what she could to succour these two great fighting peoples, exacted a heavy toll from the enemy and must necessarily have weakened his position and frustrated a major part of the scheme which he hoped to accomplish without engaging in military operations. The easy walk-through which Herr Hitler pictured to himself disappeared and he had to fight his way in at heavy cost to men, machinery and resources. The effect of this great resistance against Herr Hitler and his pack of jackals has not been lost on the President and people of the United States; where, exclusive of a timid-minded minority, the admiration for Britain and her allies and confidence in their determination and ability to emerge triumphant has produced fresh indications of resolve of the American people to give every ounce of material aid to the champions of democracy and freedom. New ways and means are being considered and taken to see that this help reaches Britain and her allies or, at least, as Mr. Churchill said, to put it within their reach. That and the spirit of the British people is the answer to Herr Hitler's brutal success in the Balkans—a success which will prove in the end to be more short-lived than the aggressors fondly imagine.

President Roosevelt Shows
Diplomacy In Capturing
American Public Opinion

President Roosevelt has won the first round for the capture of American public opinion. His decisions cannot find rest in any halfway house," said PROFESSOR ARTHUR NEWALL, the well-known American commentator, when he broadcast from London on Sunday.

Prof. Newall said that he found it hard to keep on asking his friends to be patient, but facts were facts and they had to face them.

NEW ORGANISATION

"I said he has won the first round—He has," said Prof. Newall. "He began a week ago when he declared that American public opinion is not adequately formed to understand the nature of the crisis."

Prof. Newall said that a new organisation had now been formed—the Fight for Freedom Society—which had called upon the United States to throw its full weight into the war and which had expressed a frank request for the use of American naval ships to protect convoys taking supplies to Britain.

Prof. Newall also revealed that the editor of the magazine "P.M." had said recently "I am for convoying and I think that even to quibble about it now is dangerously reckless."

THREE FACTS

Those in favour of 'convoying' supplies to Britain had now risen by 41 per cent.

"From all these signs three facts emerge," said Prof. Newall. "Firstly, that American opinion is moving forward, ponderously it is true, but relentlessly; secondly, there is a consensus in American conviction of British determination; and thirdly, that the fight for the capture of American opinion is on."

Prof. Newall stated that if there was any hesitation in some American quarters it was because they still wanted to find their feet. They were the people who said that when France fell Britain would follow.

"They all know by now that it is in times like these that the British are at their fighting best," said Prof. Newall. "In a situation like this, nobody, including Americans, can afford to stand still. Standing still is fatal."

MOVING WITH CAUTION

Prof. Newall declared that President Roosevelt was now awaiting the clarion call of his people and then he would strike again.

"This time we are moving with extreme caution," said Prof. Newall. "The President is using the old diplomatic method of flying kites." Prof. Newall then referred to the two great speeches made by Mr. Cordell Hull and Col. Knox. The next day the President had casually announced to his press conference that America's neutrality patrols would be extended to the areas of their patrolling responsibility.

"When the full story is told, we will see that the President's leadership has been wide awake, working full time," said Prof. Newall.

CLIMBED TO
28,800 FEET
ON EVEREST

In Singapore for a brief stay is the only man alive to have climbed 28,800 feet—Lieut. Gen. E. F. Norton, until very recently military Governor of Hongkong, and in 1924 leader of that epic expedition up Mount Everest.

Lt.-General Norton arrived in Singapore after having officiated as Governor of Hongkong during the absence of Sir Geoffrey Northcote, the Governor.

The expedition party led by Lt.-Gen. Norton reached an altitude of 28,800 feet, the highest ever reached by man, and just 2,200 feet below the summit of that unconquerable peak, on May 21, 1924—only three members of the party succeeding in reaching the 28,800 mark.

BRILLIANT FEAT

The assault on the summit did not succeed, but it was the most brilliant feat of mountaineering ever achieved.

Those who reached the 28,800 feet mark were Lt.-Gen. Norton himself (then Col. Norton), Dr. Howard Somervell and Mr. George H. Leigh-Mallory.

An oxygen mask saved the life of Lt.-Gen. Norton, who today is the only one of the trio alive. In the fatal last stage of the climb, the small advance party's speed was about 400 feet an hour. Lt.-

Fine Tribute
To GreeksSOCIAL CHANGES
IN BRITAIN

"It is impossible to broadcast from London today without saying something of the events in Greece," said Mr. E. A. Montague, B.B.C. Commentator, when he commented on the news on Sunday.

Mr. Montague paid a fine tribute to the Greeks when he said: "I don't suppose any nation of soldiers has ever won the admiration of the British as the Greeks have done in the last few months. We here, in London, have been feeling a great sympathy for them in these days."

SOCIAL CHANGES

Mr. Montague referred to the social changes taking place in Britain.

"The changes I am thinking of are particularly in the sphere of work," he said, "and for the first time the theory is being put into practice that a man may not choose his own kind of work."

Mr. Montague mentioned that men between 41 and 43 were now being called up for civilian work and the Labour Ministry would decide whether they were to be compulsorily transferred to any particular war work.

"That is something entirely new in England," said Mr. Montague. "Military conscription—yes, but industrial conscription—never before."

EVERYONE AGREEABLE

"Then again there is conscription of women. About 300,000 of them have registered and every one of them, together with the men between 41 and 43, will be considered as individual cases to make sure that no square pegs are taken out of square holes and put into round holes."

Mr. Montague next commented on the registration of industry for essential war work. He referred to the case of the closing down of certain cotton factories in the next few weeks, as cotton workers were particularly suitable for munitions work.

"So there you have the denial to the individual of the right to choose his own work and a denial to manufacturers of the right to work at all unless it suits the State," said Mr. Montague. "Everyone is agreeable to these changes, even if it leads to extreme socialism."

OMINOUS
STATEMENT
BY TOKYO
NEWSPAPER

TOKYO, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—"The atmosphere against the Japanese prevailing at Saigon is going from bad to worse. What prevails now is very much like the position at the time Japanese troops made their peaceful entry into Tonkin Nishi Nishi Shimbun.

This ominous statement was carried by the Tokyo newspaper Nishi Nishi Shimbun.

It is part of the campaign of criticism against Indo-China, particularly the southern portion of Indo-China (where the Japanese have hitherto hardly penetrated) that suddenly began to appear in the Tokyo press.

The Nishi Nishi accuses Southern Indo-China of bringing heavy pressure against Annamites with Japanese sympathies and imposing restrictions to make it impossible for Japanese concerns to do proper business in Southern Indo-China.

Gen. Norton was forced to give up when he became completely snow-blind.

Originally the expedition was led by General Bruce, who however retired in favour of Lt.-Gen. Norton owing to ill-health.

Lt.-Gen. Norton will be leaving Singapore shortly.

Col. Charles
Lindbergh
Resigns
Commission

NEW YORK, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—COL. CHARLES LINDBERGH has written to President Roosevelt resigning his commission in the United States Air Corps Reserve.

Col. Lindbergh announced that the decision had been taken following President Roosevelt's remarks made about him last week at a Press conference.

President Roosevelt had called Col. Lindbergh a "copperhead," the name of the deadliest snake in the United States which was taken in the United States in the Civil War to denote an appeaser.

President Roosevelt's remarks were prompted by the recent anti-British speech by Col. Lindbergh declaring that Britain had already lost the war. Mr. Roosevelt declared that Col. Lindbergh had not been called up for active duty because of his views in the international situation.

AFTERLIFE
INVESTIGATIONMediums File
Messages From Sir
Oliver Lodge

Under conditions of complete secrecy, the greatest investigation into afterlife is going on at the London headquarters of the Society for Psychical Research.

Locked up in their safe is the sealed envelope containing the "test" message left with them by Sir Oliver Lodge, famous scientist and spiritualist, before his death several months ago.

They are now receiving frequent messages from mediums who claim that they have been in touch with the dead scientist.

Their evidence is being filed unopened with the "test" message. On a date yet to be fixed the envelopes will be opened and the messages compared.

An official of the society admitted that messages, claimed to have been from Sir Oliver, had been received, but refused to comment on them.

"A special procedure aiming at giving the greatest possible value to the test is being followed out," she told the "Sunday Dispatch." "Evidence is being assembled but it will not be made known until the 'test' message is opened."

"The date has not yet been fixed, but it will not be for a considerable time yet."

Commenting on the fact that spiritualists were claiming to have made contact with Sir Oliver Lodge, an official of the Marylebone Spiritualist Association—one of the largest in the country—said that a flood of messages purporting to be from Sir Oliver was to be expected.

ORDINARY BEINGS

"Mediums are only human beings," he said, "and frequently very ordinary human beings."

"Messages which they receive they are inclined to link with things that are uppermost in their minds or with public figures like Sir Oliver."

"The same thing happened after the death of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle."

Sir Oliver himself claimed many times to have communicated with his dead wife and son Raymond—killed in the last war—and his hook on this theme caused one of the greatest sensations in scientific circles.

In this book he published the "messages" he had received from his wife and son.

Of his own "test," he said before he died: "I shall try to give a message. But it might take as long as a year. I shall not get anything in a hurry."

SHANGHAI, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—Over 1,000 coolies of the Public Works Department of Shanghai's French municipality yesterday struck when they learnt of the dismissal of 50 department workers which they allege was "without reason." Demands for reinstatement of the dismissed, plus increased pay and rice allowances, are said to have been submitted.

BATTLE OF MIDDLE EAST
HAS NOW BEGUN, SAYS
LABOUR M.P.

"THE BATTLE OF THE MIDDLE EAST HAS BEGUN—on its result the duration of the war will depend. If we lose it, we shall continue to fight on—but we shall fight against tremendous odds. But if we win it it will be of economic, moral and military value more than a hundred times worthwhile."

So said MR. PHILIP NOEL BAKER, M.P., prominent member of the Labour Party, when he broadcast from London yesterday on what the Greek and British forces had achieved in the struggle against German aggression in the Balkans.

START OF RESISTANCE

Mr. Baker began his talk by referring to the events which led up to the attack on Greece by Italy. He recalled how the late General Metaxas had answered the ultimatum which had been presented to him at three o'clock in the morning of Oct. 27, 1940, giving him three hours in which to place at the disposal of the Italian forces certain strategic points in Greek territory.

"General Metaxas did not wait for three hours," continued Mr. Baker. "He told the Italian Minister that the ultimatum was a declaration of war and so the heroic resistance of the Greeks began."

"No one would have blamed the Greeks if they had submitted. What would have happened if they had? What would it have meant to us if General Metaxas had said 'yes' instead of 'no'? It would have meant that the Axis Powers would have occupied the whole of the Balkans and Axis submarines and aeroplanes would have occupied all the bases there and would have made the task of our navy in keeping Gibraltar and Malta open to us and in helping General Wavell to smash the Italian army."

"Yugoslavia would have been taken over by the Axis and Turkey's position would have become at once extremely serious. And there was something else—the Axis Powers would have commanded the whole of the sea routes from the Black Sea to the Aegean and to the sea of Italy and our Fleet and Air Arm could not have struck at them as they will strike now from Crete."

VALUE OF GREEK ACTION

"All this was considered by General Metaxas when he said 'No' and when he placed Crete and other bases at the disposal of the British Navy and the Royal Air Force."

Mr. Baker said that wars were won by weakening the power of the enemy, by shooting down his aircraft, by the sinking of his supply ships and by the damaging of his railway communications and his crops by which his people lived.

"Measured in these terms, what was the Greek action worth?" asked Mr. Baker. "The Greek army inflicted casualties on the Italians which amounted to more than ten divisions. They shot down hundreds of planes and the Greek Navy sank at least two Italian submarines besides other warships and merchant vessels and which now lie at the bottom of the Adriatic Sea and above all they helped to undermine the morale of Signor Mussolini's armies."

"It was not only Signor Mussolini that the Greeks said 'no' to," continued Mr. Baker. "In February and March, Herr Hitler made every effort to make them give way. Again, who could have blamed them if they had done so?"

"But they said nothing of the sort. They said in the plainest language: 'We don't care who attacks us—we don't care if we are beaten and our country overrun. We shall fight for the cause of freedom until we can fight no more.'"

COMPELLED TO FIGHT

"What was the result? This began the action of the Yugoslavs against the traitors of Belgrade. Herr Hitler was thus compelled to fight two big campaigns. According to estimates he had allotted forty divisions to occupy by terror if possible, the countries of Yugoslavia, Greece and Turkey."

"No one knows what losses the Yugoslavs inflicted on him, but there was fierce fighting and he killed and wounded must have amounted to several divisions at least. We know that fifteen divisions suffered heavily and it will be months before their combat value is restored."

"All this is the military debt in Herr Hitler's balance sheet. Can we doubt, therefore, that it will weigh with Turkey when her turn comes to answer the question put to General Metaxas?"

"Until now Herr Hitler has been receiving from the Balkan countries nearly everything he needed and which they had to give. Now his communications will be broken at many points. The Danube is reported to be at least temporarily blocked. The crops in Yugoslavia have been damaged and for his fight Herr Hitler has had to use vast quantities of oil."

FOLLY AND INFAMY

"We are established in the harbours and bases of Crete, while he will have to control two hostile countries, which will take many divisions to hold down. And all this has happened to him because the Greeks said 'no'."

"They said 'no' in part at least because we in the Commonwealth of Nations had promised to give them what help we could. It was in pursuance of that promise that British, Australian and New Zealand troops were sent to help them in the campaign."

"I speak as a member of the British Labour Party and for myself alone, but no member of any Party will disagree with what I say, for I believe with Mr. Menzies that it would have been the greatest infamy if we had refused to help the Greeks. It would have meant not only the greatest infamy, but it would have been the greatest folly too."

"The Battle of the Middle East has now begun. On its result the duration of the war will depend. If we lose it we shall fight on, but we shall fight against tremendous odds. If we win it will be of economic, moral and military value more than a hundred times worthwhile."

"We mourn our fallen soldiers and it is an added bitterness because we hate the cruelty and waste of war, but we also know that no soldier could ask for better than to fall beside the Greeks and no soldier would ask for more than to keep us free."

Japanese
Suffer Over
4,000
Casualties

More than 4,000 casualties have been inflicted upon the Japanese in areas south of Chuki, important town on the Chekiang-Kiangsi Railway, 36 miles south of Siao-shan, as a result of a furious counter-offensive. The remnant Japanese units are falling back northwards with the Chinese vigorously pursuing.

At dawn on Apr. 23, Japanese forces totalling over 10,000 strong launched a four-column attack from the south of Chuki, advancing separately towards Anhawze, Paitatziou, Huanantow and other points in an attempt to trap the Chinese troops there. The attack was assisted by a squadron of some 50 planes.

Meeting with stubborn Chinese resistance, the Japanese were engaged in sanguinary encounters and grim hand-to-hand fighting, resulting in terrific losses.

After bringing up further reinforcements, the Japanese renewed their attacks with increasing violence and made a determined bid for the possession of Kouchengshan, a strategic hill south of Chuki overlooking the Chinese positions below it. Under the cover of a heavy aerial bombardment, waves after waves of Japanese infantry units hurled themselves into the attack.

As the Japanese penetrated to the vicinity of the hill, the Chinese threw their whole weight in a powerful counter-attack, surrounding and subjecting them to annihilating attacks. After violent fighting lasting until the noon of April 23, the Japanese sustained over 4,000 casualties. Disorganised and dispersed, remnants of the Japanese managed to escape the Chinese encirclement and fled northward pell-mell with the Chinese hot on their trails.—(Central News).

Matsuoka Should Have "Frank" Talk With Roosevelt

TOKYO, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—"It would not be impossible for MR. MATSUOKA to negotiate with PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT for the conclusion of a non-aggression pact successfully," states Mr. Ito, political Naval commentator of the daily CHUGAI SHOGYO.

Mr. Matsuoka should have a "frank" talk with President Roosevelt, says Mr. Ito.

Banking Day: No Incident In S'hai

SHANGHAI, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—The banking day of the four Chinese Government banks passed off without an incident.

Almost immediately after being heavily guarded during the opening this morning, there was a rush of clients to transact business from which they were debarred in the past ten days.

PARTLY CLOSED

The iron grill doors of the banks were kept partly closed and all persons desirous of entering were closely questioned and searched by the veritable army of police protectors.

Heavy financial transactions were made, mostly by Chinese firms anxious to settle accounts which had remained outstanding.

Women customers also jammed the offices as they took out money from their savings accounts so as to avoid the possible inconvenience in future.

British In Dessie

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the Duke of Aosta's armies which fled before our attack on Harar and Addis Ababa.

"Our victory at Dessie was fought by South African forces under trying conditions at a height of 9,000 feet where days of tropical sun and followed by bitterly cold nights which is to be expected at such a height."

Major Murray stated that the desertion of Italian soldiers would become very general and the seriousness of this was seen in the fact that Italian Colonial units were being disbanded for lack of men.

TWO MAIN GAINS

Turning to the BALKANS, Major Murray said that the fact that our troops in Greece had been forced to withdraw did not lessen the two main gains we made in the campaign. The first was that by keeping her word and helping the Greeks, Britain had won more sympathy and the second gain was that the enemy suffered enormous losses in men, tanks and aircraft, which was contrary to Hitler's wish for a bloodless drive through the Balkans.

"The Germans claim that they are now in Athens," said Maj. Murray, "and that is probably true. But had it not been for the help given by the Anzacs and British troops they would have been there a few weeks ago without suffering any loss."

Mr. Churchill's statement that the proportion of Anzac and British troops in Greece was about 50-50 had given the lie to Dr. Goebbels' propaganda that the British had left the hard fighting to the Anzacs. Mr. Churchill said he would leave the answer to the foul suggestion to the Australians.

AGGRESSIVE POLICY

Mr. Churchill had frankly admitted that the withdrawal in LIBYA was a damaging defeat but we would not accept the German-Italian occupation of Cyrenaica and our future policy there would be an aggressive one. Our task would not be an easy one. We must be prepared for intensification on the North African front and must not expect quick results.

Maj. Murray concluded by saying that supplies at Home and from America were increasing daily and pointed to the day when on all fronts, and in all respects, we would be superior to the Germans in men and machine.

It certainly was a revelation to us to hear with what small forces General Wavell had defeated and captured the Italian armies in Libya.

(See also Page 4)

Pointing out that Japan has two fronts, one facing the Soviet Union, the other the United States across the Pacific, Mr. Ito says had Mr. Matsuoka talked in the talks with M. Stalin and M. Molotov, he would never advise his visit to the United States.

America's policy towards Japan has been mostly based upon a misunderstanding, the commentator adds.

MUCH TO LEARN

"There are many things which Japan have still to learn from America" and with these words Mr. Yoshimichi Murakami, Managing Director of the Manchukuo Heavy Machinery Company, summed up his opinions on his return here recently from a half-year tour of America.

Mr. Murakami said that he was amazed to see how efficiently America was carrying out the armaments programme, though several peacetime industries were changed to armament producing industries.

Despite the recent strikes, he stated, America is undoubtedly uniting into one great whole in carrying out its armament programme, and the people are absolutely confident in President Roosevelt.

The Americans are confirmed in the belief of the power and greatness of their country and confident that Britain would win the war with their material help.

Mr. Murakami added that America is continually making wonderful scientific progress of which the people in Japan had little conception as yet.

FINAL VICTORY IS ASSURED

Mme. Chiang's Message To British People

LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—The sympathy and admiration of the Chinese people for the British people were voiced by Madame Chiang Kai-shek broadcasting in the B.B.C. last night.

She said that the British, as the Chinese, were fighting for democratic principles.

"She gave this message to Britain: 'No army can win every battle or succeed on every front, but so long as the morale of the nation is intact, the hearts of the people sound and it has wherewithal to continue the fight for freedom, final victory is assured.'"

PLEA FOR FUND

Madame Chiang was appealing for British fund for relief of distress in China and she said that what Britain had given would never be forgotten by the Chinese.

She added that during the four years of China's resistance to Japanese aggression, between 50,000,000 and 60,000,000 people have become refugees.

Troop-carrying Planes Are Attacked

CAIRO, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—A number of Junkers troop-carrying planes embarking troops at the Benina aerodrome near Benghazi on Sunday were machine-gunned by R. A. F. fighters, states an R. A. F. communique.

One plane was destroyed by fire and the remainder badly damaged. The R. A. F. continued to hamper enemy movements in Cyrenaica by bombing and machine-gunning troops and transport.

BADLY DAMAGED

In Abyssinia, R. A. F. fighters machine-gunned and badly damaged a number of enemy motor transport vehicles at Alomata. A motor transport carrying enemy troops was attacked on Saturday. Considerable damage was done and heavy casualties inflicted.

Aircraft of the South African air force bombed and machine-gunned military buildings at Glimma.

All aircraft returned safely from these operations.

MANY ALLIED UNIFORMS SEEN IN BRITAIN: "USA" ON SHOULDERS

LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—Among many Allied uniforms now to be seen in Britain, an increasing number of young men in dark blue and gold uniform of the Air Transport Auxiliary with "USA" on their shoulders is noteworthy.

Enemy Makes No Progress In Sollum

CAIRO, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—Enemy detachments which penetrated five or six miles across the Egyptian frontier in the Sollum area on Saturday evening, made little or no progress on Sunday, says an official British communique.

The communique reads: "Libya: There is no change in Tobruk."

"Sollum: Yesterday enemy detachments which penetrated five or six miles across the frontier on the previous evening, made little or no progress. Light elements of the well-known British armoured division are once again in contact with the enemy."

"Abyssinia: On Saturday last, the important centre of Dessie was occupied by our column which had advanced from the south. Details of the men and equipment captured are not yet available."

"In all the other areas, operations continue satisfactorily."

The latest consignment of United States civilian pilots come to join this service which will release the British pilots from the task of ferrying aeroplanes from factories to the airfield.

They were trying on their uniforms at the London tailors this morning after inspecting the bomb damage of the capital which they said made them "as sore as you know what."

DISGUSTED

The spokesman for the party said they were disgusted to see the ruin the Nazis had wrought among the homes of the small folk.

Revealing that they saw a German submarine destroyed by British warships during their voyage over, the spokesman said that the destruction of this U-boat and crew seemed a just retribution for the atrocities the Nazi airmen had perpetrated on the British civilians.

The pilots hail from many States but more particularly from the Southland.

Their rich accents sound familiar to the British ears, thanks to the series of Dixieland films like "Gone with the Wind."

Every Front Dependent On Home Front

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opinion is aware how vital it is that Herr Hitler should be stopped and is no less aware of the urgency and critical importance of the battle of North Atlantic.

NOT EXTINGUISHED

"THE DAILY TELEGRAPH, in a similar leader, says that the lamp of Greek freedom, though dimmed, is not extinguished in Crete and elsewhere, where there will be the free Greek army and navy to continue struggle and afford a rallying point for national spirit and resistance."

Just as the Greeks had no illusions, neither had we. Our expeditionary force in Greece was in full realisation that the result might be very much as it has, in fact, proved.

If, on every setback, there was a loud outcry for new blood in Government or for Parliamentary inquiries, the business of conducting the war would not merely be impossible but our ultimate prospect of victory itself soon will be gravely jeopardised.

Wars have never been won by nations who did not know how to trust their leaders and the leaders at Home and in the field who carried us through from last June to where we now stand, abundantly deserve the nation's continuing loyalty.

The hard truth was given to the free nations by Mr. Churchill last night, comments the DAILY MAIL, adding that he left neither the British Empire nor the United States any illusions as to the ordeal of the struggle for survival which both face.

ONLY ONE WAY

We know now that there is only one way to victory—the total effort by both sides of the Atlantic. Today we see the final written to the Greek campaign.

Now, as Mr. Churchill warns us, we must look ahead.

The possibilities of the ominous enough drive on Gibraltar, a double drive on the Suez through North Africa and through the Near East, and the full-scale invasion of these islands: some of these may never happen, but we may be sure that others will and we may assume that military, naval and air dispositions have been made to counter each and all of them.

Can we leave it at that? We cannot. Every front is dependent absolutely on the Home front. After nearly two years of war, the Home front is still not organised for the totalitarian struggle—"all-in-war."

While all able-bodied Germans are working to the limit of their strength for the war purposes, here in Britain hundreds of thousands still waste their time with unessential jobs or no jobs at all.

Referring to escapists and profiteers, the Daily Mail asks does the idler think he would be able to get away from it all and does the profiteer think he would keep the gains if Herr Hitler won?

Compulsion for one and suppression for the other are needed without any more excuses or delay.

IMPREGNABLE BASE

LONDON, April 28 (BWS).—The EVENING STANDARD says: "We shall make impregnable our base. We shall command the seas. We shall master the air. And when by this exertion we have called a new hemisphere to our aid, we shall carry back revenge and hope for the Slavs and Greeks and all other suffering men and women who must dwell beneath the shadow of Hitler's land armies."

ROME FURIOUS

LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—Driven to white heat and fury by Mr. Churchill's references to Signor Mussolini as "this whipped jackal and absurd impostor" the Rome Radio describes the Prime Minister as a megalomaniac descendant of Marlborough who wants to dictate his strategy to the British Army.

R.A.F. Strike At Germany Again

LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—R.A.F. bombers struck at Germany again on Sunday.

The Air Ministry announces they successfully bombed a factory west of Cologne and a military camp near the same city in daylight.

In occupied Holland, docks in Ymuiden and an aerodrome in De Kooy were also attacked and off the coast of Brittany, an enemy patrol vessel was hit and left afire and listing heavily.

In an offensive patrol over Holland fighters machine-gunned the gun positions and a supply train. No aircraft is missing from these operations.

Creche Wrecked By German Bomb

LONDON, April 28 (Reuter).—Twenty-seven babies had miraculous escapes when their home was wrecked by a high explosive bomb during a German raid on a north-west coastal town on Saturday night.

Of the nursing staff numbering eight, three were killed and three injured.

The babies' cots were littered with glass but none was hurt, although two nurses in an adjoining room were buried under the debris and killed.

DEATH OF M. ELIE BOIS

Mourned By Free France

LONDON, April 28 (Reuter).—Free France and many in vassal France also, are today mourning the death of M. Elie J. Bois, for 25 years Editor-in-Chief of the Petit Parisien, who came here after France fell, to continue the struggle against Herr Hitler.

An opponent of Nazism since its inception, he refused the demand of the Petit Parisien's owner, Jean Dupuy Bordeaux that he should sign a declaration that as the paper's editor, he alone was responsible for its anti-Nazi policy and sailed for England to help Gen. de Gaulle.

Though in failing health, he recently published an authoritative book entitled "Truth on the tragedy of France."

PORTSMOUTH RAIDED

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raid and a second was probably brought down.

The attack on Portsmouth, though sharp, was not prolonged and caused much damage.

Casualties are expected to be rather heavy. Several male members of one hospital staff were killed but all patients at the hospital which received three direct hits were evacuated by other doctors and a gallant band of nurses.

"WERE WONDERFUL"

A senior member of the staff said his colleagues "were perfectly wonderful and some young nurses were marvellous".

A big store was gutted, the surface of a shelter hit and several people killed and injured.

A second hospital suffered considerable damage as the result of two fires.

The nurses and staff dealt quickly with the outbreaks in various wards.

AIRMAN'S SUICIDE

LONDON, April 28 (Reuter).—The suicide of a German airman at sea was reported to the authorities of an East Coast port on Monday by a member of the crew of the German bomber shot down by a British vessel.

Four men took to their dinghy when the bomber crashed. Three were picked up and landed.

Chungking Minister To Australia

SHANGHAI, April 28 (Reuter).—The appointment of Liu Sze-shun as Chinese Minister to Canberra is expected to be announced shortly by Chungking, according to the Chinese press.

Liu is at present Director of the European Affairs Department of the Foreign Affairs Ministry.

It is added that the exchange of Ministers between Canberra and Chungking was agreed in principle between the two countries some time ago.

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WEAKNESS INTO STRENGTH

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"The course of the war has merely revealed the formidable strength of the forces against which we are contending."

PRESENT REALITIES

"The Australians must not look for scapegoats, but must soberly, and in a proper place, review the present realities and seek to make weakness into strength and strength into greater strength."

Mr. Curtin emphasised that the pivotal defence policy adopted at the Federal conference last June was complete and the indissoluble

LONDON, April 28 (Reuter).—The three Italian destroyers sunk when an enemy convoy between Sicily and Tripoli was obliterated by British naval forces on April 15, were identified by the Admiralty on Monday as the Luca Tanigo of 1,628 tons, and destroyers of the Folgore class of 1,220 tons and the Vega class.

unity in the cause of the Allies and said amazing results in production since the outbreak of war were most convincing proof that workers were ready to bear their share of burden.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS:

Indian Watchman Not Guilty Of Murder Of Woman: Gaps In Case Presented By Crown

After a retirement of 15 minutes the jury returned a verdict of Not Guilty against Bawa Singh, 65-year-old watchman, who was arraigned before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday on a charge of the murder of a woman, Li Fong, at Hunghom on March 3.

Accused was defended by Mr. Percy Chen, who was instructed by Mr. W. M. Brown, while Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, was for the prosecution, assisted by Chief Det-Insp. A. E. Carter.

The following jury was empanelled:—Messrs E. V. Scarie (Foreman), A. A. Barros, Tsui Wai-sun, Pei Min-shun, Leung Pui-hung, B. Jernakoff and Kwok Che-phoy.

It will be recalled that accused was arrested following inquiries made by the Police after he had reported to the Hunghom Police station that he had found a woman wounded and lying at Tokwan Road. At about 10.30 p.m. on the day in question, Sze, Po, a witness for the Crown, saw an Indian holding a Chinese female by her wrists at Tokwan Road while other witnesses for the prosecution had testified that they saw a woman running up the stairs of No. 21 Tokwan Road with her face covered with blood.

EMPLOYED BY ACCUSED

The Crown's case was that the Indian seen by these witnesses was the accused and alleged that the deceased woman was formerly employed by the accused as an amah and had lived in his hut.

The defence was that accused saw three Chinese males running away, apparently after attacking the woman, and that accused went to the help of the deceased.

At the continued hearing yesterday his Lordship said, in summing up, that the Crown's case was not a very strong one being based on circumstantial evidence and there were in the Crown's case, as presented, gaps. His Lordship pointed out that there was no

direct evidence against accused and the only direct evidence associating prisoner was that of accused in admitting that he was found looking after deceased after she was wounded and in going to report to the police.

CROWN'S ALLEGATION

Accused had denied that he had any association with the deceased whatsoever but the Crown alleged that the woman had been employed and had been living in prisoner's hut for a considerable time and left in Jan. last.

Continuing, his Lordship said that there was the evidence of two persons, Li Muk, deceased's brother, and the woman, Chu Shuk-hing.

The woman had testified that she knew deceased who had been employed by accused and had lived in his hut while Li Muk had identified that clothes found in accused's hut as belonging to his sister. There was a total acceptance of Li Muk by the defence who had not contradicted his statement.

CONSISTENT STORY

His Lordship pointed out that there was no identification of the Indian seen by various witnesses until accused walked into the police station and reported the matter. His Lordship concluded by saying that there was one thing strongly in favour of the prisoner and that he had consistently told the same story which,

ITALIAN PRIEST FINED \$50

Found In Protected Area In N.T.

A "nominal fine" of \$50 or one month's imprisonment was imposed by Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy yesterday on Francis Ricciardi, an Italian Catholic priest, having no address in the Colony, for a breach of the Defence Regulations.

The charge against defendant was that he, being an enemy alien, was found in Lau Fau Shan, in Ping Shan, northern district of New Territories, a protected area, on Apr. 21 without permission of the Chief Security Officer.

The case for the prosecution, which was conducted by Chief Detective-Inspector A. H. Elston, of the Special Branch, was that on the afternoon in question defendant was seen by a Police in a tea house in Lau Fau Shan. As he was not in clerical garb the Police asked him who he was. To this defendant replied that he was a Spanish subject and gave his name as Lopes.

NO IDENTIFICATION

Failing to produce any identification card or papers when he was asked to, defendant was told that he would be taken to the Ping Shan Police Station. On the way there, he admitted that he was an Italian.

In passing sentence, Mr. Lowry said: "As I have received no further information other than what I have heard, I will have to accept your story as true. You came over for food and supplies and for no other purpose. Therefore I am imposing on you a nominal fine."

he said, was not frequently the case of an accused person in this court.

The jury was exempted from jury duty for one year by his Lordship.

NATIONAL MILITARY COUNCIL

The resignation of Ho Hao-jv, Chief of the Third Department of the Political Board of the National Military Council has been accepted.

The National Military Council has appointed Huang Shao-ku, Chairman of the Planning Commission of the Ministry of War, to head the third Department concurrently.

It is learned that Ho Hao-jv will hand over his duties to his successor on May 1, and will assume the post of deputy secretary-general of the Economic Conference under the Executive Yuan.

MORE PLANES FOR NATIONAL GOVT.

People in Hochwan, 40 miles northwest of Chungking on the upper reaches of the Chialing River, have contributed more than \$400,000 for the purchase of three planes to be presented to the National Government.

The planes will be christened "Hochwan."

Mr. Yuan Hsueh-yen, magistrate of Hochwan, has brought the fund to Chungking.—(Central News).

Lanchow-Chungking Traffic

To facilitate through highway traffic between Lanchow and Chungking the Northwest Highway Bureau will inaugurate on May 1 a bus service between Lanchow and Kwangyuan on the north Szechwan border which will link with the Chungking-Kwangyuan bus service operated by the Ministry of Communications.

A bus will leave Lanchow and another Kwangyuan simultaneously on the 1st, 11th and 21st of each month.—(Central News).

Spare Parts For American Submarines Available At Singapore Naval Base

BATAVIA, April 12.—The most outstanding impression I gathered from a recent trip to Singapore was the constant arrivals and departures of luxury liners converted into transports, writes a correspondent in the Manila Bulletin. It was obvious that the south Pacific and the Indian ocean were still controlled by the British and Australian navies.

The use of numerous British army transports also indicated that the British were enormously strengthening the Singapore garrison.

NOT BRITISH

It was noteworthy that the naval base at Singapore was well-stocked with spare submarine parts which were not British, and therefore believed to be for American use.

The most famous British regiments now on duty in Singapore include the Scots, Indians and Aussies, and the streets and hotels there were constantly a changing riot of colour. The favourite topic in the officers' messes was the renunciation by the white rajah of Sarawak of the hereditary rights in favour of his brother Bertram.

DEFENCE GUNS

Military officers mentioned the fact that six and eight-inch coastal defence guns were being sent to Sarawak, in northwestern Borneo. It was also reported that a large garrison may soon be sent to Borneo as a result of the action of the rajah of Sarawak, Sir Charles Vyner Brooke, which was interpreted as an appeal to the British government to protect his regency.

It could not be said that British Indian troops in Singapore were "dissatisfied." However, informed quarters, hinted that the Indians were resenting the lack of credit given to Indians fighting in the African war thereafter. Indian sappers said they thought this attitude was "most unfair as native engineer units are playing a large part in the operations in Africa."

"THE BEST YET"

The predominance of the American Brewster Buffalo fighters was

obvious to the casual visitor in Singapore. British pilots called the Buffaloes "the best yet." They added that "we want all that we can get of them."

British pilots said the Buffaloes were their favourite fighting planes even compared with British fighters.

Singapore's airport, which was reclaimed from the bay, was busy all day long, with Blenheims, trainers and Buffaloes taking off and landing continuously.

The British marvelled at the speed of the short-winged squat Buffaloes darting across the sky and out-racing all the other fighters.

BRITISH ACE

Many of the pilots stationed in Singapore were transferred to the Far East for a rest from European battles. One of them, a British ace named Becket, was killed under most unfortunate circumstances. He had 15 German planes to his credit during air battles over England and was sent to Singapore for an easier tour of duty in lieu of a vacation. Becket was a passenger in a Blenheim and was being shown a bird's-eye view of Singapore when the plane crashed.

A "mooring vessel" steaming toward the wrecked plane in an attempt to salvage it hit a mine which was apparently adrift, sinking the vessel and killing or injuring a large number of officers and ratings.

The tragedy occurred 200 yards offshore. Reliable quarters pointed out that the fact the mine was so near the beach indicated that the Singapore harbour and naval base was "extremely heavily honey-combed with mine fields."

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LONDON, April 28 (Reuter) — New Zealand has 11,000 men in the R.A.F. — with the promise of a steady flow of 4,000 airmen a year to Britain — and 3,000 men in the Royal Navy, as well as a large army in the Middle East. All this has been done by the Dominion with a population of less than 2,000,000, stated the High Commissioner for New Zealand, Mr. W. J. Jordan, in a speech yesterday.

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T. V. Soong Expresses Appreciation Of Democracies' Support To China

WASHINGTON, Apr. 27 (Central)—In an exclusive interview with CENTRAL NEWS, DR. T. V. SOONG, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bank of China, declared that the stabilization fund agreements signed between China and America and China and Great Britain for the support of the Chinese currency have shown at this juncture that the two great western Democracies are not merely "fair weather" friends. Dr. Soong successfully concluded the US\$50,000,000 stabilization fund agreement with the United States' Treasury and the £5,000,000 fund agreement with the British Treasury.

Dr. Soong said that on March 15, President Roosevelt in a world-wide broadcast from Washington declared: "China likewise expresses the magnificent will of millions of plain people to resist dismemberment of their nation. China through Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek asks for our help America has said that China shall have our help." It is a promise which, Dr. Soong continued, is now being redeemed in the field of finance and currency as well as in all other ways.

Leading American newspapers gave prominence to the report of the conclusion of the stabilization fund agreement. Some American observers interpreted the agreement as an answer to the Soviet-Japanese Neutrality Pact signed recently and intimation of the determination of the United States to encourage and support China to continue her struggle against Japan at a time when Japanese militarists are preparing to bring further pressure upon China.

JOINT STATEMENT

The following joint statement was made by the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Jr., and His Excellency Dr. T. V. Soong representing the Republic of China.

"Another important step has been taken in the field of monetary co-operation between the United States and China by the signing of a stabilization agreement involving the purchase of the Chinese Yuan by the United States stabilization fund to the amount of US\$50,000,000. The agreement provides under conditions acceptable to both parties for the establishment by China of a United States Dollar-Chinese Yuan Stabilization Fund. Included in the fund's resources will be the dollars acquired by the United States through the purchase of the Chinese Yuan and a further sum of US\$20,000,000 contributed by the Chinese Government banks.

"This is a co-operative agreement entered into between friendly nations that are working together in many ways to preserve their basic freedoms. Aside from the purpose of stabilizing the relationship between the currencies concerned, it shall be an important factor for fostering the welfare of the participating countries.

"China has also entered into an agreement with the British Treasury under which a £5,000,000 is provided for currency stabilization in addition to the existing British

stabilization fund which was set up in 1939. This agreement closely parallels the agreement between the United States and China.

"These stabilization funds will be managed by a five-man Board which China is creating. The board will consist of three Chinese, one American to be appointed by China on the recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury and one Britisher to be appointed on the recommendation of the British Treasury."

CHECK FLUCTUATION

The following statement was issued by the British Embassy: "It will be remembered that in 1939 a fund was set up of which £5,000,000 was guaranteed by His Majesty's Treasury under the China (currency stabilization) Act in order to check the undue fluctuation in the sterling value of the Chinese Yuan and in December last His Majesty's Government decided in addition to make available another credit of £5,000,000 to the Chinese Government for the same purpose.

"Negotiations have been proceeding on technical measures to carry this offer into effect. These negotiations have resulted in the conclusion of an agreement which has been signed in Washington by Sir Frederick Phillips on behalf of His Majesty's Treasury and His Excellency Dr. T. V. Soong on behalf of the Government of China. This constitutes a further important step in the field of monetary co-operation between the United Kingdom and China and symbolises the friendly relations between the two countries.

"This agreement, closely parallel to the agreement which was announced by the Secretary of the United States' Treasury and His Excellency T. V. Soong, has also been signed today between the United States and China and which involves the establishment by China of a United States Dollar-Chinese Yuan stabilization fund and the purchase of the Chinese Yuan by the United States to the amount of US\$50,000,000.

"These stabilization funds will be managed by a stabilization Board which is being set up by the Chinese Government. The Board will consist of five members, three of whom will be Chinese, one American to be appointed by China on the recommendation of the Secretary of the United States' Treasury and one British to be appointed on the recommendation of His Majesty's Treasury."

TRIBUTE TO CHUNGKING LEADERS

In an interview with CENTRAL NEWS, Mr. Hsue Njan-Yoeng (Chiu Yuan-yung), director of the N.Y. Handel Mij Yoeng Sheng and also president of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Batavia, who returned to Hongkong on April 23 after a two-week visit to Chungking, paid a glowing tribute to the Chinese leaders there who, he said, are all working overtime for the war of resistance and national reconstruction.

He said that he was most deeply impressed by the tremendous improvement of the quality of the Chinese Army. Illiteracy was markedly absent among the rank and file and several generals he had met were graduates of junior middle schools.

While in the wartime capital, Mr. Hsue met Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and practically all the Presidents of the five Yuan and the different Ministers.

20 YEARS

A native of Meishan, Kwangtung, Mr. Hsue has been in Batavia for some 20 years. He said that there are about 1,300,000 Chinese in the Netherlands East Indies, mostly engaged in export and import, and small retail business. Since the start of the current hostilities, they have contributed a total of 100,000,000 quinine tablets to China in addition to huge amounts of funds for the war chest. The Chinese in Batavia alone, he said, sent over 10,000,000

CHINESE PRESS COMMENTS ON LOAN AGREEMENTS

Favourable comments are made by the local Chinese Press regarding the loan agreements signed by the United States and Great Britain simultaneously on April 25 for the stabilisation of the Chinese currency.

The SING TAO JIH PAO says that the agreements, concluded after the Japan-Soviet Neutrality Pact, are of greater political than economic significance. Britain's loan is all the more appreciated by China in view of her own present difficulties in Europe.

In order that the loans may further strengthen the Chinese legal tender and China's financial structure, the journal opines, efforts must be made to forestall the Japanese obtaining foreign exchange with Chinese dollars, prevent the flight of Chinese capital and suppress speculation on the black market.

The TA KUNG PAO says that the simultaneous signing of the United States and British loan agreements with China indicates the close co-operation of the two countries in the Far East. It also reflects the futility and ineffectiveness of Japan's recent "diplomatic offensive" against the United States.

such tablets to China in the course of last year.

As a result of the intense patriotism of the Chinese in the N.E.I., he asserted, Wang Ching-wei's agents are unable to set foot on the country nor can Japanese propaganda find its way there.

Regarding the recent Japanese-N.E.I. economic talks, Mr. Hsue said that they have been conducted behind closed doors and little news has leaked out.

Mr. Hsue will return to Batavia after about a fortnight's stay in Hongkong.

Reincarnation Of Panchen Lama

KANGTING, Apr. 28 (Central)—Three children who are believed to be the reincarnation of the late Panchen Lama, Buddhist Pontiff of Tibet, have been found in Chinghai (Kokonor), according to Ting Chieh Hutukhtu who arrived here yesterday.

Another child, with singular characteristics, who is also believed to be the reincarnation has been found in the district of Luhuo in Sikong province.

After a brief stay in Kangting, Ting Chieh Hutukhtu will go to Chinghai to determine the true reincarnation with the different Kan Pu (Abbots). After the true successor is found, recognition will be sought from the National Government, and he will be escorted to Tibet to assume his spiritual post.

The late Panchen Lama died at Jyekundo, Chinghai, on November 30, 1937, while on his way back to Tibet under instructions from the National Government. He left Tibet in 1934, and had since remained in China Proper. During 1932 he paid visits to Nanking and Peiping.

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SHANGHAI RICE SHORTAGE

HONGKONG TO SHIP MONTHLY SUPPLY

CHUNGKING, Apr. 28 (Central)—The Shanghai Municipal Council has announced that arrangements have been made with Hongkong whereby a regular monthly supply of rice will be obtained from the British Colony unless unexpected circumstances intervene, according to a Shanghai dispatch.

The rice when received in Shanghai will be sold to the rice shops at around N.C.\$130 per bale which is 20 cheaper than the present market prices.

SAIGON RICE
Meanwhile, it is learned that to relieve the rice shortage in Shanghai a Thai steamship company has commissioned a steamer to ship rice from Bangkok to Shanghai.

With a cargo of 3,000 tons of Saigon rice it has already left Bangkok and is expected to arrive in Shanghai today.

Four more steamers will be commissioned for rice shipment.

SHENSI PROMOTES HORSE-BREEDING

To promote horse and mule production, the Shensi Provincial Government has selected Sian, Paochi and Hingping as experimental districts for horse and mule breeding.

The authorities are negotiating with the branch offices of the

CHINESE WARTIME BONDS IN HONGKONG

The campaign for subscriptions to the N.C.\$1,200,000,000 Military Supply Bonds, the U.S.\$50,000,000 and £10,000,000 Reconstruction Bonds floated by the Chinese Government has been started in Hongkong, according to information from the Hongkong Chinese Wartime Bonds Committee.

To boost the subscriptions a wartime bonds committee will be formed in every Chinese organisation and school in the Colony.

The Bank of China, the Bank of Communications, the Bank of East Asia, the Overseas Chinese Banking Corporation, the Shanghai Commercial and Savings Bank, the Bank of Canton, the Bank of Kwangsi, and other Chinese banks in Hongkong have been authorised to receive subscriptions on behalf of the Wartime Bonds Committee.

A meeting of the Committee was held a few days ago to discuss measures for pushing the sales of the bonds. Those present at the meeting included Sir Shouson Chow (Chairman), Messrs. Cheng Tseh-Ju, Kan Tung-po, Ip Lan-chun, Li Kun-chun, Fung Fuk-tien and Li Cho-sun.

four Government banks in Sian for a loan of \$500,000 to finance the project—(Central News)

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MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS
APRIL 28 1941.

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 1/8 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/8 7/8	
Credit 4 months sight	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand	45 1/2
On Singapore:—	
On demand	52 3/4
On Japan:—	
On demand	102 1/2
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 1/8 5/8	
On demand	102 1/2
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 24	
Credit 60 days sight 24 3/4	
On Batavia:—	
On demand	46
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credit 4 months sight Nom.	
On Saigon:—	
On demand	104
On Manila:—	
On demand	48
On Bangkok:—	
On demand	149 1/2
On Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate ... Nom.	
Bar Silver per oz.	23 1/2

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Monday, Apr. 28.
Silver prices were unchanged over the week-end, the quotations remaining at 23 1/2 for both Ready and Forward. American Silver was unquoted.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 403.

MARKET

Quiet.
STERLING
There were sellers at 1/3 up to June, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS
A small business was done at 24 3/8 for Cash. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 24 5/16, buyers at 24 3/8 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS
Opened with sellers at 468 with business done at 468 1/2 followed by transactions at 467 1/4 and 468. The market closed at lunch time with sellers at 467 1/2, buyers at 468.

SHANGHAI MARKET
Opened with sellers of Sterling at 3 13/64 and closed at 3 13/64 for Spot. U. S. Dollars, there were sellers throughout the morning at 53 1/8 for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET
The market was quiet in the afternoon. No business was reported.

STERLING
There were sellers at 1/3 April-June, buyers at 1/3 1/2 Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS
Sellers at 24 5/16 for Spot, buyers at 24 3/8 for Spot.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS
A small transaction was reported at 468 1/4. The market closed with sellers at 468, buyers bidding 468 1/2.

SHANGHAI MARKET
Sterling at 3 13/64 and U. S. Dollars at 53 1/8, both sellers for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Apr. 28 (Reuters).	Official T.T. Rates
London	Opening 0/3-1/8
New York	5-1/8
Japan	21-3/4
India	17-1/4
Paris	nominal
Hongkong	20-3/4

Silver Duty Rate
The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/24.
The Equalization rate was 24-1/2 per cent.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Monday, April 28, 1941.	SALES
H.K. Electric (O) X.R. 300	\$24.60
H.K. Electric Rts.	185 13.65
Humphreys	500 6.70
H.K. Hotels	500 2.90
	1.495
The total value is \$14,841.75.	

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

NEW YORK, Apr. 28 (Reuters).

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, May	11.14	11.10	11.11	03 up
New York Rubber, May			22.85	05 up
Chicago Wheat, May	91 1/2	90 1/2	91 1/2	1 off
Chicago Corn, May	68 1/2	67 1/2	68 1/2	1 off
New York Hides, June	13.94	13.81	13.85	01 up

NEW YORK COTTON

	Close	Change
May	11.11/11	03 up
July	11.12/12	03 up
October	11.10/10	07 up
December	11.10 N	06 up
January	11.08 N	07 up
March	11.09/09	08 up
Spot	11.31	03 up

Total sales Friday—74,200 bales.

The First Notice Day for May Cotton is April 25 and date of delivery is May 1.

NEW YORK RUBBER

	Close	Change
May	22.85/85	05 up
July (New contract)	22.37/37	11 up
September	21.90/90	10 up
December	21.52/52	16 up

Total sales for the day—nil.

The First Notice Day for May rubber is April 29 and last trading day is May 27.

CHICAGO WHEAT

	High	Low	Close	Change
May	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	1 off
July	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	1 off
September	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	1 off

Friday's sales—12,891,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

	High	Low	Close	Change
May	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	1 off
July	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	1 off
September	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	1 off

NEW YORK RICES

	High	Low	Close	Change
June	13.85/85	13.86/86	13.86/86	01 up
September	13.93/94	13.93/94	13.93/94	05 up

Total sales for the day—37 lots.

NEW YORK COCOA

	High	Low	Close	Change
May	7.02 N	7.11 N	7.11 N	09 up

The last trading day for May cocoa is May 22.

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3

	High	Low	Close	Change
May	2.43b/45a	2.43b/45a	2.43b/45a	unch.
July	2.44b/45a	2.44b/45a	2.44b/45a	unch.

Volume of business done—31 lots.

The last trading day for No. 3 Sugar is May 23.

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4

	High	Low	Close	Change
May	76N	76 1/2/77	76 1/2/77	00 1/2 up
July	78 1/2/79 1/2	80b/80 1/2a	80 1/2a	01 1/2 up

Volume of business done—22 lots.

The last trading day for No. 4 Sugar is May 1.

NEW YORK COPPER FUTURES

	High	Low	Close	Change
July	11.47b	11.46b/50a	11.46b/50a	01 off

NEW YORK COTTONSEED OIL

	High	Low	Close	Change
July	9.19/19	9.18/18	9.18/18	01 off

NEW YORK LARD

	High	Low	Close	Change
September	9.10a	9.10a	9.10a	unch.

NEW YORK BLACK PEPPER

	High	Low	Close	Change
July	6.66b/69a	6.66b/70a	6.66b/70a	03 up

The First Notice Day for September black pepper is Aug. 26 and last trading day is September 23.

N.Y. Official Silver	34-3/4	unquoted
N.Y.-London Cross Rate	4.02-3/4	4.03

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, Apr. 25.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red after 1952)	102 15/16
Defence Loan, 3%	101 1/2
Antion-Klown Rly. 5%	10
Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue)	39
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds 1925/41	38
Chin. 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan, 1908	40
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan 1912	22
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	28 1/2
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes 1925 (Vickers)	8-10
Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% Loan	48
Honan Rly. 5%	12
Hukuang Rly. 5% 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue)	13
Hukuang Rly. 5% 1911 (German Issue)	11
Lung Tsin & U. Hai Rly. 5% 1913	10 1/2
Shai-NKING Rly. 5%	14
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	11
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.)	11
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	11
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	11
Jap. 6% Ster. Loan 1924	19 1/2
Ger. 7% Int. Loan 1924	5 1/2
Chartered Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	7 1/2

H.K. Stock Exchange

BUYERS

Bank of East Asia, \$70.
Indo-China (Pref.), \$80.
Hotels, \$2.30.

SELLERS

H.K. Banks, \$1340.
Union Ins., \$430.
Lands, \$33.
Trams, \$16.20.
Electric Rts., \$14.50.
Cements, \$15.

SALES

H.K. Banks, \$1325.
Trams, \$15.90.
Lights (O), \$5.85.

H.K. & Shai Bank (Col. Reg.)	78 1/2
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer)	14/-
Chosen Corporation	4/-
Mercantile Bank of India, dia, 25, "G"	11 1/2
Pekin Syndicate	1/-
Shai Elec. Constr. Co.	16/-
Shai Waterworks "A"	15/-
Union Insurance	22
Gula Kalumpung Rubber Lon. Mid. & Scot. Rly.	15/-
Great Western Rly.	32 1/2
National Bank of India	30 1/2
S. A. Tob. (bearer)	53/9
Dunlop Rubber	32/3
Bristol Aeroplane	9/6
Imperial Chemical Ind.	23/3
United Steel	21/4
Woolworths	46/9
Mayman Investments	6/3
Western Holdings	9/6
Sub-Nigel	142/6
Shell Trans. & Trad. (bearer)	40/7 1/2

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

APRIL 27, 1941

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
Adams Express	5 1/2	Kennecott Copper	32 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	20 1/2	Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	31 1/2
Allis Chalmers	25 1/2	Lockheed Aircraft	20 1/2
Amer. Can.	82 1/2	Loew's Inc.	30 1/2
American Cyanamid B.	34 1/2	Martin, Glen L.	26 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Power	1 1/2	Montgomery Ward	32 1/2
Amer. & Foreign \$7 pf.	18 1/2	National Aviation	7 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	11 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	13
Amer. Metals Co.	16 1/2	National Distillers	17 1/2
Amer. Radiator	6	Nat. Power & Light	6 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	13 1/2	National Supply Corp.	4 1/2
Amer. Stng and Eng. Co.	37	New York Central	12 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	15 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	2 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	154 1/2	N. American Aviation	12 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	87 1/2	North American Co.	13 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	4 1/2	Northern Pacific	6 1/2
Anacosta Copper	23 1/2	Packard Motors	2 1/2
Archison, T. & S. Fe.	26 1/2	Paramount Pictures	11 1/2
Aviation Corp.	3	Pennsylvania R.R.	23 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	13 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	39
Baltimore & Ohio	34 1/2	Pullman Inc.	23 1/2
Barnard Oil	8 1/2	Pure Oil	8 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	69 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	34 1/2
Elles & Co.	14 1/2	Reading Company, Com	14 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	13 1/2	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	44 1/2
Borg-Warner	17 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	3 1/2
Briggs Mfg.	19	Republic Steel	17 1/2
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	3 1/2	Reynold Tobac. "B"	30 1/2
Canadian Pacific Rwy.	38	Schenley Distillers	9 1/2
Celanese	20 1/2	Shell Union Oil	12 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	38 1/2	Socoy-Vacuum Oil	8 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	57 1/2	Southern Pacific	10 1/2
Columbia Gas & Elec.	21	Southern Ry. \$5 pf.	24 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	25 1/2	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	27 1/2
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	1	Standard Brands	5 1/2
Consolidated Edison	19	Stand Gas & Elec.	1
Consolidated Oil	5 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	35 1/2
Copperweld Steel	14 1/2	Studebaker Com.	5 1/2
Curtiss Wright (C.)	7 1/2	Swift International	17 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	87 1/2	Technicolor	8 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	140	Texas Corp.	36 1/2
Eagle Picher Lead	7 1/2	Trans-America Co.	41 1/2
Elec. Autolite	26	20th Cent. Fox	5 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	21	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	10 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pf.	54 1/2	Union Pacific	77 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pf.	58 1/2	United Aircraft	36
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pf.	32 1/2	United Airlines Trans.	11 1/2
Flintkote	12 1/2	United Corp.	1
Gen. Electric	29 1/2	United Gas Improvement	20 1/2
Gen. Motors	37 1/2	U.S. Rubber	21 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	12 1/2	U.S. Steel	51 1/2
Gen. Tire & Rubber	10 1/2	Vanadium	24 1/2
Goodrich (B.F.)	12 1/2	Vulcan Aircraft	5 1/2
Goodyear Tire & Co.	17 1/2	Walworth Co.	4 1/2
Great Northern Iron Ore	13 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	3 1/2
Great Northern Rly. pf.	25 1/2	Westinghouse Elec.	88 1/2
Great Western Sugar	22 1/2	Woodward Iron Cor.	25 1/2
Int. Nickel	27 1/2	Chase National Bank	28 1/2
Inter. Paper & Power	13 1/2	National City Bank	25 1/2
Int. Tel. & Tel.	24 1/2	Libby, Monell & Libby	—
Johnsman	58 1/2		

DOW JONES AVERAGE

	1940/41	Apr. 25	Apr. 27, 1941	Change
High	152.80	116.68	116.68	116.68
Low	111.84	28.39	28.39	28.39
Dow Jones Industrials	116.68	116.68	116.68	116.68
High	36.67	28.39	28.39	28.39
Low	18.03	18.11	18.11	18.11
Dow Jones Rails	18.11	18.11	18.11	18.11
High	95.19	91.34	91.34	91.34
Low	48.74	63.87	63.87	63.87
Dow Jones Utilities	63.87	63.87	63.87	63.87
High	64.07	48.74	48.74	48.74
Low	11	Commodity Index	63.87	63.87

Business Done—160,000 shares

SHANGHAI BANKS

CHUNGKING, Apr. 28 (Central).—Following receipt of instructions from their head offices to resume business, the Shanghai branches of the Central Bank of China, the Bank of China, the Bank of Communications and the Farmers' Bank of China have decided to reopen next week.

The Settlement authorities have reaffirmed full protection to them. Rumours that they will be closed down permanently or removed from Shanghai are emphatically denied.

U.S. MEDICAL AID FOR CHINA

WASHINGTON, Apr. 28 (Central).—The American Bureau for Medical Aid to China in New York has announced that it will spend U.S.\$1,995,034 for the coming year for various activities in China. This will provide 300 provincial hygienic laboratories and district health centres, 15 hospitals, 200 ambulances, 10 air-raid first-aid stations in Chungking, medical supplies, new buildings and equipment for emergency training schools and orthopedic centres.

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COLONY HEALTH BULLETIN

The following is the Returns of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 72 hours ended at midnight on April 27:— Chicken-Pox, one case; Cholera, five cases; Diphtheria, one case; Dysentery, nine cases; Enteric Fever, five cases; Measles, 11 cases; Ruberculosis, 62 cases.

EASTERN PORTS

Three cases of Small-Pox (Macau, one; Shanghai two) are recorded in the Health Bulletin of Eastern Ports for the week ending on April 19.

GARDEN LOT SOLD AT UPSET PRICE

Mr. Fung Manter was the successful applicant - purchaser of Garden Lot No. 119, situated at Stubbs Road, when this 7,700-square feet piece of Crown Land was put up for public auction at the P.W.D. offices yesterday afternoon.

There being no other intending bidder the lot was knocked down to Mr. Fung Manter at the upset price of \$385.

Two of the Special Conditions attached to the sale were:-

INDEMNIFY GOVERNMENT

Firstly, that "the purchaser shall construct substantial retaining walls, where necessary, to obviate landslips in the event of his cutting away the hill to level the site or to protect any filling in connexion with the same. Should a landslip occur as a result of such cutting or levelling, the purchaser will be held responsible for and shall indemnify the Government and its officers from and against all actions, claims and demands arising out of any damage resulting from or brought about by such landslip."

The second was that "the purchaser shall construct and maintain to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works such drains or channels as may be necessary to intercept and carry off storm water falling on or flowing on to the lot from the hillside." The same protection against claims against Government was attached to this Clause.

HONG-KONG TIDE TABLE

From 28 Apr. to 5 May 1941.

High Water		Low Water	
Days of Week	Days of Month	Height	Height
Tues.	29	h. m. 10 28	h. m. 04 21
Wed.	30	00 08	04 44
Thu.	1	00 52	05 04
Fri.	2	01 52	05 20
Sat.	3	03 02	05 44
Sun.	4	04 08	06 25
Mon.	5	05 09	07 08

Russia's Black Sea Fleet May Play Big Part In Stopping Hitler

The Black sea fleet of Russia is a power which may play a big part in stopping Adolf Hitler's southeastern expansion, writes Rear-Admiral Yates Sterling, Jr., in the Manila Bulletin.

The fleet is potent and Germany has no weapon in that region to off-set it. True, the Russian ships are not modern, but among the blind a one-eyed man is king; therefore, the Russian fleet can command the Black sea and its access to the oil fields to the southeast, so all-important to Germany.

The Russian armies, and air force also flank Germany and her new Axis allies for their entire length, from the Baltic to the Mediterranean. Russia, hence, could be a factor in halting Hitler's southeastern movement.

BLACK SEA CONTROL

Control of the Black sea and the Dardanelles greatly concerns both Turkey and Russia. The two countries are natural allies in seeing that the inland sea, with its vital oil and other supply routes is not taken over by a western power. That is where Turkey and Russia see eye to eye.

They hold the trump cards. Turkey controls the narrow straits from the Mediterranean into the Black sea. She proved that control in the world war when Allies might failed to blast her out. Those straits are easy to defend and hard to attack.

RUSSIAN FLEET

Hitler cannot get in from the other side with ships of any size, no matter how many fabricated submarines and smaller fighting vessels he might be able to launch from the mouth of the Danube in subservient Rumania.

The Russia Black sea fleet consists of one battleship and four cruisers. Or Russia's 19 destroyers, it is known that six are in the Black sea and there may be others.

Of the 100-odd submarines which Russia is supposed to have, it is likely that 25 or more are in the Black sea. The surface vessels, while all old, have been recondi-

tioned. The submarines are to a large extent modern.

LARGE GUNS

In her Black sea fleet, Russia has guns of large calibre which can be counted on to contest the crossing of a German army into Asia. Among others, they include twelve 12-inch guns, four 7.1-inch and twenty-five 5.1-inch.

Turkey, therefore, may be heartened. With the Turkish navy and its ability to mine, blockade and make impassable the Bosphorus and Dardanelles, Turkey could set along well with Russian help, although certainly not without it, if Russia should stand with Hitler.

The Turks do not bank too much on continued Greek and Yugoslavian resistance against the Axis and they do not think that British land forces can overcome the German sweep into Greece.

BRITISH EXPLOITS

They do count on the British navy and air force. The recent exploits of the British fleet against the Italian army in Libya and against the lines of communication between Greece, Africa and Italy's main sources of supply, have given greater assurance to Turkey and Russia.

Hitler's army is now marching through Greece, but if it reached the shores of the Mediterranean, it will find that locality bristling with the guns of the British fleet. Hitler is likely to find, as did Napoleon, that everywhere it is deep enough to float a ship the British navy will be in his way.

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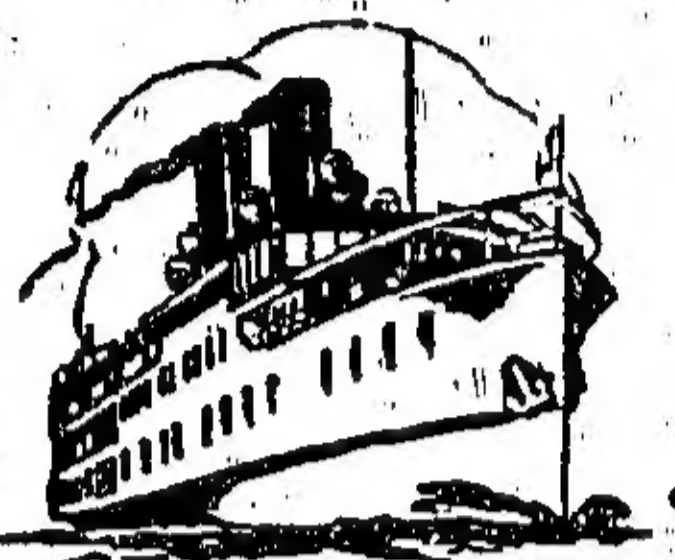
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WALL OF FIRE PROTECTS BRITISH ISLES: AMERICAN NEWSMAN SEES THE PREPARATIONS MADE

The young British army colonel stopped abruptly on a hill-side overlooking the English channel and pointed down to the beach.

"When he orders an invasion," the colonel remarked casually without mentioning Hitler's name, "I shouldn't be surprised if they come in here."

Below us lay a quiet, sunny beach from which the green hills typical of the south coast of England stretch back into a countryside that seems far from the chaos of war, writes Mr. Joe Alex Morris, in the Manila Bulletin.

Along the roads were occasional tank barriers and on the beach three tough, spring rolls of barbed wire. Here, it seemed likely, Britain might soon face one of the most desperate struggles of empire history.

But, I asked, aren't you doing anything about it? You can't expect to stop Germans with barbed wire.

MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE

The colonel pointed again. "See that?" he asked, but I could see only the normal countryside. "Well, that's a full manned battery. Look closely. You can see men moving about. . . . And see that?" He pointed again. "That's a block-house. . . . and there's another. . . . and another. There is a tank trap. You don't see it until you're over the dune and then you're in it. . . . That business there is to keep you from stumbling on a land mine. And in that direction is a battery of really big guns that likes to have its target further out on the water than you can see."

As I studied the places he pointed out I began to see some of the men on guard against invasion every hour of the day and night. "But," I asked, "where is the control point for this sector; where is the field headquarters from which you would direct a battle?"

INVASION TRY SURE

The colonel smiled, and taking hold of my arm, led me forward three steps. "Step carefully," he said. "We're practically in it!" We were in a dugout headquarters hidden from enemy eyes by camouflage that employed everything from heather to chicken feathers. From the concealed and strongly protected chamber, telephone lines and observation posts covered every foot of the coastal sector.

Military experts to whom I talked, including men directly responsible for the protection of the most acute danger areas, believe that the Germans can and will land on English soil. They may be able to land in large numbers. But as I inspected the defence preparations—some of them closely guarded military secrets—I began to understand why the British are confident that an invasion would be a disaster for Hitler.

A KIND CENSOR

Before going to the coastal military area I signed a promise to submit anything I wrote to censorship. When my notes came back from the censor there were many paragraphs buried under blue pencil marks, but this was left:

"Months of ceaseless work and careful planning and ingenious military experimentation have created a barrier more formidable than any soldiers of the past ever faced or possibly ever imagined. The men who invade England today must pass through a hell of fire as literal as can be devised by military genius. . . . Seemingly undefended hills and points may suddenly roar with gunfire."

"Barbed wire waits to trap the enemy into an easy target position. Mines lie under his feet at the next step. Huge tank traps are beyond the sand dunes. Forts have been remodelled but these are the ordinary defences and to be expected. They are only part of the danger an invader must face."

CONCEALED BLOCKHOUSE

"We walked down a winding path to the beach. Men were hard at work here, including engineers who are still experimenting with beach defences. Blockhouses are concealed on the beach, placed so that their fire crosses at vital points. The barbed wire is in rolls, placed in pyramid fashion and firmly anchored. The dunes behind are death traps for tanks or infantry. An enemy stepping on this beach would walk into a solid wall of fire, shrapnel, machine gun bullets and high explosives."

We went from the beach defences to corps headquarters some miles away to talk to General Alexander, a handsome, round-faced officer who has surged rapidly toward the top since he played an important role in the

evacuation from Dunkirk. Our driver had not been at corps headquarters before and we passed it twice before we finally saw the sentry box and realised that this spot, which seemed the most peaceful and ordinary in England, was the brain center of preparations against invasion.

INSIDE HEADQUARTERS

Inside the main building, dozens of stenographers were at work in a long hall where distinguished company once gathered among priceless objects of art which were now covered with white cloths. The operations room was hung with war maps that half hid a series of famous murals. In the centre of the room was a huge table on which had been built a relief map of southern England and the European coast. On it were dozens of toy ships, spread out along the European invasion ports.

"The ships represent German invasion vessels," the general said. "Their positions are changed daily on the basis of new reports."

We climbed a few steep steps, the general leading the way, to a platform from which the commanding officer could look down on the operations room. It was like a bird's eye view of the whole English channel battlefield, with staff officers, technicians, orderlies, stenographers and telephonists standing by. Telephones were at the general's elbow, ready to put him in instant touch with every part of the corps area. With a long pointer he could touch any part of the giant map on which the progress of battle would be reproduced step by step.

FROM MANY DIRECTIONS

General Alexander talked about the possibility of an "all-out" blitz and an invasion attempt. The British experts look at it this way:

The Germans are likely to strike from a number of directions at once. Some blows will be for diversion purposes but several will be with full force. A large German force, with good fortune, probably can land on British soil. Barges which could push in close to shore and drop landing bridges and bigger ships with the bows out down so they could run ashore would be necessary. Other ships would be brought in as close as possible and grounded, and men and materials put ashore in smaller self-propelled boats.

Out of the several such attempts at widely separated points, one or more might succeed unless the British could maintain strict air control over the entire coastline. But to maintain that foothold the Germans must establish and maintain communications lines from Europe, establish local air superiority over their bridgehead and face a concentrated counterattack by British mobile forces based inland, and by the British home fleet and the Royal Air Force.

In addition to the armed forces, the British believe that every man, woman and child could be counted on to fight if necessary. In view of the way British forces have fought for many years on foreign soil, as one diplomat in London remarked, you may expect them to do a pretty good job in their own back yard.

AXIS MOTORISED COLUMNS CROSS EGYPTIAN FRONTIER

CAIRO, April 28 (Reuter)—The crossing of the Egyptian frontier by Axis forces was made by two motorised columns, believed largely composed of Italians. They advanced eastward south of the escarpment which runs to the sea at Sollum.

The advance is believed in usually well-informed circles here to extend no more than 15 to 20 miles from the sea and there is no indication of a sweep to the south.

Activities on this front hitherto have been confined to the Capuzzo-Sollum area.

The situation is said to be roughly the same as that of last September when the Italians reached Sidi Barrani.

It is believed, however, that the enemy dispose of considerably less than the four or five divisions which the Italians used for their push to Sidi Barrani last year.

This new enemy advance has not been effected without some losses of material as the result of successful harrying tactics by British armoured vehicles.

TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS

Probable Starters
And Jockeys

LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter)—The following are the probable starters and jockeys for 2,000 Guineas which will be run on Apr. 30:—

Mister Sawyer (Bridgland), Usenge (E. Smith), Devonian (Perryman), Selim Hassan (Beary), Sollum (C. Richards), Starwort (J. Taylor), King's Jester (Gethin), Annatom (S. Wragg), Morogoro (H. W. A. Ragg), Owen Tudor (Gordon Richards), Burningbow (Lowrey), Sun Castle (Beasley), Orthodox (D. Smith), The Derby Star (Maber), Sun Ray (A. W. Ragg), Camperdown (Littlewood), Chanda (Lacey), Sunny Island (Nerrett), Lamberstimmel (Elliott), Fairy Price (Lane).

QUO TAI-CHI ARRIVES IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Apr. 27 (Central)—Dr. Quo Tai-chi, outgoing Chinese Ambassador to Great Britain, who is returning to China to assume his new post as Minister of Foreign Affairs, arrived here tonight from New York by train for a three-day visit.

Dr. Quo was met at the station by Mr. Max Hamilton, Chief of the Far Eastern Division of the State Department, Dr. Hu Shih, the Chinese Ambassador at Washington, and representatives of the Chinese community.

Arriving by the same train with Dr. Quo were Dr. Tan Shao-hua, Chinese Minister to Brazil, and Mr. Chen Chang-loh.

INSPECTOR OF CHEMICAL WARFARE

TOKYO, Apr. 28 (Reuter)—A Chemical Warfare Department has been set up by the Inspector-General of Military Education with a view of carrying military training in the uses of chemicals. It is officially announced.

Lieut.-Gen. Kazumoto Machijiri has been appointed first Inspector of the Chemical Warfare.

Simultaneously, it is announced, Lieut.-Gen. Yasuji Okamura, Member of Supreme War Council, Lieut.-Gen. Kenji Doihara, Member of Supreme War Council and the Director of the Military Academy have been promoted to full Generals.

DAYLIGHT RAID NEAR COLOGNE

LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter)—A British daylight raid near Cologne was admitted in today's German communiqué which states:

"A few persons were killed or wounded in a factory by bombs. Only slight damage to buildings was caused; no interruption of production."

It is pointed out in London that the fact the Germans admit British bombs actually struck a German factory (instead of landing harmlessly in the fields or on farms as is usually the case in Nazi communiqués) demonstrates in unmistakable fashion the success of the British raid.

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Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Service".	

Flare-Up Of Terrorism In Shanghai

SHANGHAI, Apr. 28 (Reuter)—After one day's respite, terrorism flared up anew yesterday with two shootings the victims coming from the rival Nanking and Chungking camps.

Kao Tse-yuen, 60, a Nanking official, was shot dead at 1.30 p.m. in one of the main streets of the Settlement. The gunman made good his escape.

Wen Tien-seng, business manager of the Chungking vernacular, China Evening News, was wounded at 10.30 a.m. in the Settlement.

BRITISH CINE-STAR IN WAR ZONE

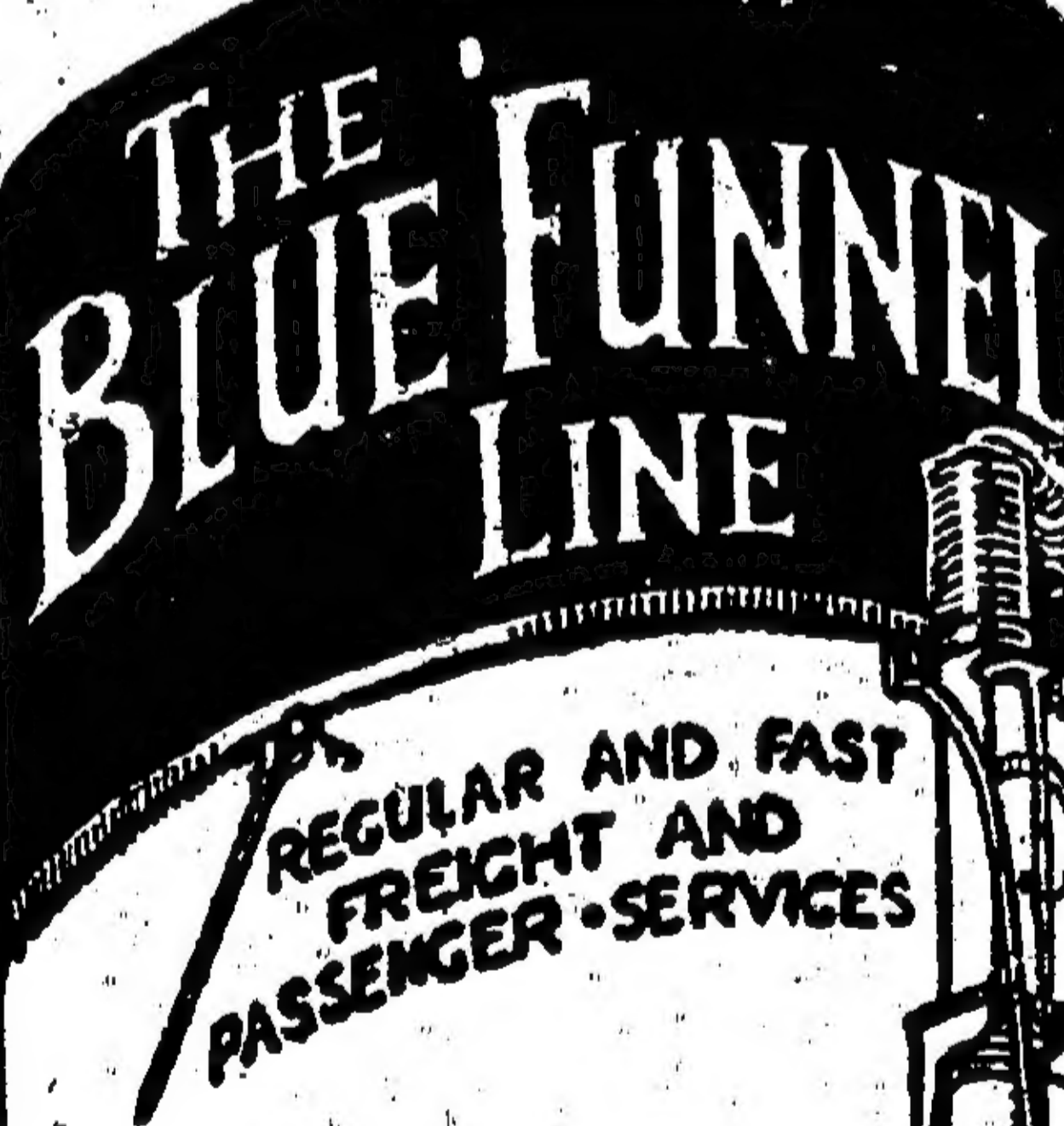
The greatest interview thrill I have ever had in my many years of being a movie reporter was talking to Vivien Leigh in London, writes Louella Parsons in the Oregonian. We had to get the consent of the government, the Bank of England and go through endless red tape because all telephone calls to England are now on a war-time basis. I was also requested to submit all questions I intended to ask her.

But when I heard Vivien's voice come over the wire so far away I couldn't help but say to her (which wasn't included in my submitted questions):

"I talked with Ronald and Benita Colman and Reginald Gardiner and other of your Hollywood friends and they send their love and want me to ask you and Larry how you are these days?"

ABLE TO HELP
"Oh, how are they?" she asked. "Give them my love and say we are happy that we came back to London because we feel we are able to help, although we do miss Hollywood."

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